

**"100 Years Ago" Theme
Dispensed With**

● The above lines are to advise of a sudden change in plans. Instead of proceeding in a leisurely fashion through the six "Moodie Years," we would like to move with some haste, complete these, and move on into the 1890's, and if possible, complete the years up to and including 1900. In that way all the years from 1884 to 1950 will be in book form. — We are not denying that the feeling of some urgency has not been brought on with the most unexpected death of Bruce MacKenzie during the Xmas-New Year's week. It marked the passing of the third "helper" in the short space of one year: Bob Wilson, Sr. (the town's most interested, thorough and exact historian of all); and Mrs. Hattie Roe (ever eager to help), both in January, 1984; and then Bruce, who, since the start of our project in 1981, showed the greatest interest and a keen desire to help in every way he could. — And to these three "oldsters" must now be added the death of Wilf McGregor, eldest of all at 90.

● A map of the township comprising the town should prove of help and interest to readers desirous of locating some of the early homesteads. We are indebted to Hatton Metcalfe, of Wpg., for this and others of the same.

● The page with the picture & write-up of Dr. Gordon Fahrni, is from the Vancouver Sun (Jan. 11th issue). Once again we must thank Mrs. Leck, Mission, B.C., for keeping us well posted. And, by the way, Dr. Fahrni is a little closer to the 100 mark than stated. In his own book he lists his birth date as April 13, 1887.

● All of the yr. 1885 appears in this pamphlet but the already published month of January. It is intended that each pamphlet from here on will feature 1 year in its entirety.

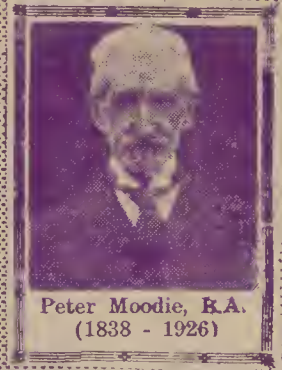
● It is NOT intended, as heretofore, to balance printed pages with pictures. From hereon the printed history will predominate perhaps even to exclusion of the pictures, unless they are of the vintage kind, or supplement the history in some way.

● This pamphlet contains 24 pages, 18 of which are the printed history. This is more than "4" times the volume contained in each monthly pamphlet. So we are going to "double" the charge to \$4.00 per issue hereafter, hoping the "upped" rate won't scare too many avid readers away.

The Moodie Years — 1884 to 1890

GLADSTONE

in the Early Ages



Peter Moodie, R.A.
(1838 - 1926)

**February
to December 1885**

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SAT., FEB. 14th, 1885:

((No Paper for Feb. 7th))

Rev. Mr. Kinley has started a music class for young or old. It meets in the parsonage on Mon. evenings at seven where all are welcome to all the information he is able to impart to them to read music at sight, without charge.

Mr. J. M. Chantler has been removed from Westbourne to the Neepawa station. No station-master has been appointed to Westbourne yet. The M. & N.W. had better hurry up, as no county has been such a good friend to the rly. enterprise as Westbourne. Besides the terms of the hy-law calls for three stations, which means three station-masters.

Last Thurs. the usual quiet of our town was enlivened by the stirring strains of our brass band, accompanied by the big drum, playing their last time on their way to the station where the players were consigned to the cares of the iron horse and wished success. The sleigh-load, on returning from the station, if they did discord in their efforts to discourage sweet music, did enough of thumping and tooting, as well as laughing, to show they were again on the high road to excel in their various improvised occupations.

Mr. F. Blackmore, who was away to the Fairford river for fish, returned this week. He is going back again. The fish, it appears, are caught in the open water at the entrance to the river, and great numbers are engaged in the industry.

Mr. P. Ferguson, who has been confined to his home with a sprained ankle, is now able to attend his store.

Among the beeves shipped by Mr. Gallagher last Sat. were the prize cattle of Mr. Neville.

Coun. Anderson realized \$225 from the sale of 6 cattle to Mr. Gallagher; an average of \$35 being a good price at this time of year.

Mr. Hugh McKenzie, who is engaged with Mr. D. Ferguson in executing his tie contract for the M. & N.W., hewed, in five hours last Monday, 100 ties.

The Sons of Temperance will hold an open meeting of the lodge in Andrews' Hall on Tues. next at 8 p.m. A spicy and var-

ied programme has been prepared by the talent of the society. Everyone who can should make it a point to be there. A collection will be taken to defray expenses and assist the society's funds.

Teams are arriving from the north mill with loads of lumber.

Mayor Claxton continues to represent county & town on the Judicial Board.

Treasurer Morton goes to Wpg. next week to attend a meeting of the Board of Agriculture.

Miss McGregor, of Morris, is at present on a visit to her sister Mrs. J. A. Broadfoot, of Palestine.

Mr. Beck, of Palestine, has been delivering to Mr. W. S. Bailey at his storehouse in Gladstone, wheat, oats & barley this week.

Mike ((Neville)) and the band serenaded the town very nearly up to the last moment of the train leaving. What will the town do for such good gratuitous music now?

We learn with regret that Mr. Jas. Carr is being attacked severely with his old complaint of fits. He has been moved into town to be near medical advice. His furniture arrived by train on Thurs. The family are occupying Mr. Abijah Dunning's house.

Miss Maggie Kerr has been visiting in Minnedosa and Clan William.

Last Wed. evening the Methodists of Pine Creek held an entertainment in aid of their church funds, in Mr. Arthur Clayton's house. ((Mr. Clayton was the father of our Percy, who with wife Vi, reside now (since retiring from farming) in their comfortable home on Galloway St. Percy hopped over the four score mark several years ago with almost the same agility displayed in his hockey days of over 50 years ago)).

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, of the Wilson House, gave a farewell supper on Wed. evening to Mr. M. Neville to which he invited a number of townsmen. The spread though got up on short notice, was in Mrs. Wilson's usual good style, and was done ample justice to by the guests. Thereafter speeches with songs, etc., etc., filled in pleasantly the hours till the "wee 'oors ayont the twel'." The speeches were a tribute to the worth of the parting guest, and fervent wishes for prosper-

ity in his old Ontario home, whither he is betaking himself for the purpose of having his motherless children cared for among his own relations. A well-merited vote of thanks to the host and hostess wound up the very pleasant evening. ((It is a bit unfortunate that more cannot be recorded of this departing citizen, who though probably tainted with some of the frailties of many humans, was liked by all. Seemingly he was very much a part of the scene in early pioneer times; & few who wrote, failed to mention the added bit of zest he gave to the difficult years. One fact that is recorded is the style and position of his pioneer shoe repair shop. See the picture in the "April" issue, 1884)).

Mr. Sanford, of Hamilton, thro' his agent, Mr. Riley appears determined to push vigorously the draining of the Westbourne marsh.

((Tenders are called for material and the building of Rose-ridge schoolhouse; also for the Livingstone school; the latter is signed by T. L. Morton; & the specifications to be seen at the Age office)).

The young people met at Mrs. Foster's on Mon. night to sing and play on the organ. They had a pleasant time, and they hope to have more such pleasant get-togethers in Gladstone. Mr. Wm. Martin gave a lecture on temperance to the audience. There was a good gathering.

SAT., FEB. 21st, 1885

Mr. Budge, town clerk, went east as far at Winnipeg, Tues.

Mr. J. Heddlesley started for Old England Thurs. Bon voyage and speedy return.

The Church of England held service on Wed. morning, the day being Ash Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson went west on a trip to Oak River this week to their relatives there.

Mr. W. McFadden, of Neepawa, has purchased a press and type from Portage Tribune Review, to be used in printing the Neepawa Canadian.

We hear that Messrs. J. Ross and T. McAchane, who left for Oregon last fall, are returning, utterly disgusted with it. Experience is a great teacher.

The pipes that supply Broadfoot grist mill with water from the river, have frozen up again this winter.

Mr. M. McLean has obtained a sessional clerkship in the local house when it meets. Mr. W. Cory, he writes, is diligently prosecuting his studies at St. John's College.

A brother of Mr. J. W. Lindsay, of Richmond, has been paying this part of the county a first visit.

A meeting of the Gladstone Curling Club was held in Dr. Scott's office on Mon. night, and was adjourned until the evening of the day on which the curling stones, expected from Wpg., arrive; of which due notice will be given.

The Golden Stream Debating Club is being conducted rigorously. The subject discussed last night was: "Resolved that a farming life is more independent than merchants';" the former captained by Mr. Jas. Lloyd the latter by Mr. T. Newman.

Mr. W. Gardner, the buyer, is back, we notice, to the Queen's, this week.

At Gladstone, on the 18th inst. the wife of Mr. Peter Cameron, of a daughter.

Messrs. Jones & Halliday have taken a new lease of Brown's grist mill.

Mr. W. S. Bailey puposes starting a lumber yard in connection with his other business.

A telegram, conveying the sad news of the death of the father of the Messrs. Schooley, from Ontario, was received yesterday. Mr. F. started for home right off, being driven to Portage in a hand-car to catch the late eastern train.

A tie contract has been taken by Mr. D. J. McQueen. The timber he is obtaining from 80 acres of the solid bush belonging to Mr. R. Wood, of Golden Stream. Our experienced bushman, Mr. Boyd, has a hand in the work. Mrs. W. Rintoul does the cooking and takes the general supervision. Work commenced this week.

Rumor has it that a bachelor friend that went away to England is to be transmogrified into a Benedict ere he returns. Good for him.

Miss Nettie Cory has gone to attend St. John's Ladies' College for the remainder of the session. She accompanied her brother-in-law, Mr. Morton, to the metropolis for that purpose on Tuesday.

Messrs. Broadfoot, Duncan & Greene, of Austin, drove to town the latter part of last week on business. Mr. B. says he is paying 51c cash for wheat delivered at the storehouse.

A horse, belonging to Mr. W. R. Watson, of Florence, died on Thurs. evening, in town. The cause of death is attributed to having been over-driven.

Rev. D. Stalker has gone to Burnside to assist Rev. J. Todd on dispensing the sacrament tomorrow.

Gen. Superintendent Baker, of the Rly. Co., is at Ottawa trying to obtain a rebate on the price of lands they have already earned.

We are sorry to learn of the loss Mr. Henry McGill, of Richmond, has sustained in the death from typhoid fever of his sister, which took place in Winnipeg recently.

Mr. T. Patterson was in from the spruce woods this week. He reports his gang of five bushwackers and three teamsters as both faring and working well. Besides a large number of logs still to deliver they have 200 cords of 4-foot shingle stuff to handle. Mr. W. Glen and team have taken the place of Alf Selvey(?) and Mr. Wilson's team.

A Jeremiah Missionary entertainment will be held (D.V.) in the Methodist Church, Gladstone, on Mon., Mar 2, at 7 p.m. A cordial invitation to all.—Rev. W. Kinley.

Rev. W. Kinley will occupy the Presbyterian pulpit tomorrow.

LITERARY SOCIETY

The Society held its meeting last Friday in Andrews' Hall, when chairman, Mr. D. Rintoul, called upon Miss Foster for a song, which was well done, considering it is the first time she has sung in Gladstone before an audience. We hope to hear her now and again. Mrs. J. A. Best played the accompaniment.

Mr. Wm. Burr gave a reading entitled "Popping the Question" which was read as successfully as the sentiment usually ends.

Mrs. J. A. Best then played & sang a song entitled, "Starlight". A fine song which she executed well.

Miss Stalker read, "The Eagle's Rock". We heard it read last winter by a lady who was well trained by an elocutionist, and it would be hard to say, we think who read it the best.

Mr. E. Broadfoot gave a violin solo, accompanied by Mr. D. Broadfoot on the organ, which took so well that it received an encore, to which at a later stage of the evening they had to favor the audience with a couple more.

Mr. Dean read an amusing piece about the "observation of a reporter" which showed how ridiculous we appear in the eyes of "A chiel amang us takin' notes."

Mr. Bailey then opened the debate: "The Present Depression is Owing to the Banking System," by showing that the boom had so inflated property, which money the banks advanced, they, being only branch ones in Wpg., that whenever values dropped the branches received orders to shut down, which caused a withdrawal of the money out of the country, & so made money dear. To remedy this a bank has been started in Wpg., so that we can be independent of the other provinces. He made quite a few good points. His opponent, thro' some mistake, was not present to reply.

SAT., FEB. 28th, 1885

((Editorial)) . . .

We trust there will be a full meeting today of those interested in the cheese-making project. There has been ample time for thorough thought on the subject which ought by this time to be ripe for putting into prompt execution.

In such a pre-eminently cheap and rich grazing county as this is, there is not the slightest reason why the cheese consumed in it should be an imported article, but every reason for not only supplying home consumption, but being a successful competitor in the markets of the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhind, of Westbourne, drove into town on a visit this week.

Grain is coming in. Where are the buyers?

The four that went to Portage on a hand-car last Friday made the trip in 2½ hours.

Messrs. I. McWhinney, of Wellington, and W. McWhinney and Thompson, of Portage, were among the guests at the Wilson House this week.

Mr. W. Smith, who has been in town re his lumber that was seized by the Dom. Timber Inspector, returned north on Wed.

Mr. Wilson has a number of Indians making cordwood out of the tops of the trees used in making ties. They have put up already 150 cords.

All interested in the cheese business are requested to attend a meeting which is to be held this Saturday at 2 p.m. in Andrews' Hall to consider how it can be given a successful start.—J. A. Best.

Rumor has it that our energetic townsman, Mr. Bailey, has another iron ready for the fire in the shape of a flour and feed store which he purposes opening in A. Shaw's building. ((According to our informant of some 40 years ago, Mr. A. G. Williams, the Shaw building was located on the lots about where the Bank of Montreal is now. Mr. Bailey, in Oct. '88 moved this building up onto Morris Ave., next north to the S. T. Wilson Hotel (which he had by then acquired). That same year it was divided into two stores, for Messrs. Foster & Crouter, implements; and Sloan Schooley's new store location. All these changes made by Bailey to that part of the town, in just a few years, led Editor Moodie to opine that all Morris Ave. needed now was for Mr. Logie and Postmaster Rose to move there too, & all the town businessmen could just lean out and shake hands all around)).

Remember the children's Missionary entertainment Mon. evening in the Methodist church at 7:30.

The Golden Stream folks intend having another social on Thurs. Mar. 6. The Rev. Messrs. Kinley and Stalker are expected to give addresses. A good programme is being prepared which will be equal, if not better, than the last. It ill be held in the house of Isaac Whaley. Tickets, 25c.

We are havin' gran' wather, Mon!

One kind of good times is getting within easier reach these hard times. Whiskey is down to 5c a glass!

Mr. Allison Lockhart made a start for the Rocky Mtns. this week.

At Virden wheat went up to 85c for seed this week.

We notice that the Winnipeg Siftings is for sale. Can the plant not tempt the proprietors of "The Bng?"

Mr. Arnold Williams sent, down the timber to fix the Westbourne bridge last Thursday. He followed by train.

Mr. Rodgers, homestead inspector, has been doing some work north and east this week.

Surely Cupid is playing sad havoc with the heart strings of one impressed swain if his antics on Wed. night were any indication. That or the new boon in whiskey had been too much for him.

(Among those performing at the weekly session of the Literary Society Wed. evening were: E. E. Best with a reading; Mr. D. Broodfoot playing "Comin' Thro' the Rye" with spirit; Mr. J. Moodie, a Scotch reading; Mr. Claxton and Mr. Jones in debate; also Mr. Davidson, W. S. Bailey, etc.).

Mr. F. Schooley reached home in Merriton, Ont., last Mon. in time to follow the remains of his late father to their resting place. The distance between here and Ontario isn't so great after all when one can start from here in a hand-car about noon on Friday last and reach Ontario by the afternoon of the following Mon.

Wanted: For Golden Stream School: a male or female teacher with 2nd or 3rd class certificate. State salary expected per month. Also what experience applicant has had. Duties to commence Mar. 15th. Apply to J. T. Lloyd, sec-treas.

((An identical request for a teacher is advertised by Silver Stream School over the signature of J. F. Pool, sec-treas.)).

The Ladies' Aid in connection with the Presbyterian Church will give a grand concert in Andrews' Hall on Fri., March 13th. Programme in the next issue.

March 1885

SAT., MARCH 7th, 1885

The current of two more separate lives has been merged into one. Mr. John McCrac, of this town, was married to Miss McKenzie, eldest daughter of ex-Councillor McKenzie, of Richmond, at his house, on Wednesday last. Rev. W. Murdin officiated. The newly-married pair got back to town in the evening and were received by the boys with all the demonstrations usual on such festive occasions. A party was given in the Queen's in honor of the happy event. ((The above couple become the parents of one daughter and several ball players, including the late Cliff McCrac, who also served as reeve for some 20 years)).

Whoever was mean enough to take a couple of loads of Rev. W. Murdin's hay, let him for very shame's sake leave its cash equivalent at the Age Office and obtain a receipt for it.

((Tenders are called by Wm. McKelvy, of the Public Works Com., for covering 50 ft. of the Ferguson bridge, and lowering by one foot and putting two new stringers on McLeod's bridge, and covering same with hewed poplar 14-ft., and not less than 7" face, and 4" thick)).

A full force of men & teams are at work on Mr. McQueen's tie contract.

Sleighting is giving place to wheeling inside city limits.

How many had sore heads on Thursday morning.

Mrs. M. McLeod, of Palestine, has received word of the death of her father at the advanced age of 80 years.

Mr. Fahrni proceeded to Wpg. Monday to record his vote for W. F. Luxton. Good boy, Chris!

Mrs. Dr. Ferrier started east on Tuesday to join her husband in New York.

We understand that Mr. W. Y. Clubb has secured the contracts for erecting both Roseridge and Livingstone schoolhouses.

Grain is coming in much livelier. Some of our northern farmers seem to think, that poor as the prices are, it will not do to attack spring work with too full granaries.

Miss Jessie Carmichael went by Tuesday's train to Portage.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambourne returned by last Friday's train

from Wpg. She will remain on the farm for the summer months. After a few days rustication he resumes work in the Free Press office.

Mr. F. Moir has been marketing a few loads of his wheat. Messrs. Small are beginning to move their large crop. The difficulty is that neither the prices nor the roads are satisfactory for that kind of work.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid, with their usual skill in catering to the public enjoyment, are getting up a grand concert to be given in Andrews' Hall on Fri., the 13th inst. at 8 o'clock.

Last Thursday the settlers of Golden Stream held their second social in the home of Mr. Isaac Whaley. We did not think Golden Stream could muster up such a crowd! Rev. Kinley said there was quite a difference in the appearance of the settlement from what it was 14 years ago. Then there were few houses & single individuals. ((Among the performers were: 3 numbers by the choir; reading by Miss Whaley; dialogues by Miss Robertson; Messrs. James McConnell, McBride & Robertson; song by Mrs. J. & G. Kerr; recitation by Miss Gertie McConnell; song by Mr. J. McConnell; dialogue by Messrs. Jas. Lloyd, Clayton & McBride; duet by Mrs. West & Miss Nicol; dialogue by Messrs. Fraser and K. Fraser; song by Miss Robertson; reading by John Whaley; dialogue by little Willie & Connie Blackmore; duet by Mr. & Mrs. John Kerr; recitation by Miss Ross; dialogue by Mrs. G. Kerr, Misses Nicol & McConnell, and Mr. J. Kerr; recitation by Miss M. McConnell; reading by A. McBride; dialogue by Miss Robertson and Mr. A. McBride; recitation by Miss G. McConnell; song by Miss Nicol; dialogue by A. Shaw & K. Fraser; recitation by Miss M. McConnell; song by Mrs. Wood; dialogue by Messrs. McConnell, Robertson & Ross; and Messrs. Shaw & McBride; reading by A. Poole. Mr. A. Nicol, at the request of the chairman, Rev. Stalker, gave a couple of readings during the evening, which were done in his usual eloquent manner. Proceeds amounted to the handsome sum of \$24.50)).

The young folks and friends, to the number of 50, attended the last meeting of the session of Roseridge Mutual Improvement Society held in Mr. Jas. Ogston's house. Mr. J. Graham was chairman.

SAT., MARCH 14th, 1885

Mr. Fred Schooley has been appointed postmaster of Merriton, Ont., in room of his deceased father in obedience to the expressed wish of the citizens who took this way of showing the esteem in which they held the departed. His eldest brother is coming out to take charge of the store. He is bringing with him his recently married bride, who is a sister of Mrs. W. F. Schooley of this town. ((If the above is right we'll have to re-write our remarks in January issue that it was 'Sloan' Schooley who bought Mr. Best's store. Seemingly it was another brother of the station agent's here, by the name of Fred. We believe that Sloan and Frank did marry sisters, so in all probability the editor does have it right, though it is to be wondered how many older readers ever heard of this switcheroo)).

Mr. Frank May, machine agent, Minnedosa, has been paying his friends in Gladstone a visit.

We hear that Mr. Thos. Snell is going to sell out soon.

Drop that wood! It's meant for burning. Not for you to —.

Coun. Morrison has moved his saw-mill nearer to the railroad track at Woodside. Logs are being hauled to it.

Mr. Wm. Rose, from beyond Rapid City, was, with his wife, visiting Mrs. John Rose, of Gladstone, last week.

Sleighting is played out. Though glad to see the black ground, still we are not so sure of its permanency, being unexceptionally early.

Mr. Eric Berg, Mr. David Cameron's teamster, got his face badly burned by his tent taking fire while asleep.

Last Sat. night there was a surprise party at Mrs. Broadfoot's at which there was much fun and a good time generally.

Mr. D. Rintoul has a very prolific cow who has had 15 calves in six years - not five, gentlemen - printers don't tell lies. She has had twins 4 times, once three, and once four. Twins are her last performance.

We heard there was a very large rabbit snared last week. In fact too large and too tough for the pot, so it had to be let go, the snarer mourning more for the loss of his rabbit than his rarebit. Don't do it again!

Neepawa, we hear, is between devils - printers, we mean. Mr. Mathers, late of the Portage Liberal, passed thro' Gladstone on Monday on his way to Neepawa to run the present paper in the interest of the present proprietor. Mr. Broadgood, we understand, is going to run the opposition paper in the interests of the farmers. He has put out

circulars to that effect. We think he intends calling it "The Farmers' Advocate." He says the plant is on its way from St. Paul.

We heard Rev. Kinley's singing class, composed of children, last Monday night, going over their lessons. The rev. gentleman is to be complimented on their efficiency, as they can not only sing by note, but can tell what key the tune is in; also its time, and what letters are on the line and between the spaces.

An invitation that was given by Mr. J. Duncan, of Blake, to the Roseridge Mutual Improvement Soc. to spend an evening at his house, was complied with on Fri., Mar. 6th when a large audience assembled to listen to a most entertaining programme. Mr. J. Dickie was called to the chair. A very good evening was spent to the satisfaction of all. — J. M. Ogston, Sec.

Some parties, out on a bender Thurs. night broke open the back door of Messrs. Galloway's store and stole (which we are loath to believe) or hid some goods, broke the large glass light in Andrews' store door, broke some windows in Heron's Hotel - one of the stones, a large one, lighting very near the head of one of the inmates, who was in bed. Such wanton destruction of property is very reprehensible. Fun is fun, but there is none in this sort of goings-on, & those perpetrating it should be taught a lesson.

Messrs. Hockin and Bennett returned on Wed. from their trip to the Old Country, both looking as if their sojourn in their old home in the south of England had agreed with them.

An illustration of the competition in eastern rail lines, is that the immigration rate between New York and Chicago is \$1.00.

((Opening paragraph to an editorial)) . . . There can be no gainsaying the fact that the Farmers' Union has been of signal service for the last 2 yrs, to farmers of the province, insofar as dollars and cents are concerned. It has not only provided a market for grain, but secured higher prices for it.

We understand that Messrs. McDonald and McDougall have dissolved the partnership they had in the Broadfoot grist mill. What new arrangements are in progress have not assumed definite enough shape for publication.

Mr. B. Willisroft has secured the work of repairing the Ferguson and McLeod bridges, his tender of \$43 being lowest. The other tenderers were Mr. T. Rose, \$46, Mr. D. Ferguson, \$53, Mr. Jas. Foster \$61.

(NO PAPER FOR THE "21st")

SAT MARCH 28th, 1885

Mr. G. Clubb still keeps very low.

Some talk of Dauphin getting a few more settlers from here.

Mr. McDougall and family go to Minnedosa next week.

Mr. Wm. Cairns, of Austin, has been here on law and other business.

Mr. T. Cairns, of Florence Twp., is moving to Austin.

Mr. Geo. Kerr has moved on to his farm at Richmond.

Judge Ryan arrived by train from Neepawa Thursday to hold court yesterday.

The Broadfoot grist mill has been leased to Messrs. Williams and Esson who have commenced running it. ((This is A. G. Williams, our chief informant of the early days, who tried his hand at many things from the early 1880s until the late 1940s. He was ogoin in charge of the mill when it burned Jan. 4, 1890)).

Miss Gillespie, of Senilac City, Mich., sister of Mrs. Dean, of this town, is expected shortly on a lengthened visit.

Mr. A. Gerow, who has been milling here, has gone back to his farm. Mr. Jones means to try his hand at the hopper for a spell.

The tie business has been wound up for the season. Mr. D. Ferguson has taken out nearly 7,000; Mr. D. J. McQueen, 3,000. They are all hauled to the track.

The English church parsonage ran a narrow risk of being burned to the ground last Monday. The stove-pipes caught fire and set the chimney ablaze, which was chock-full of soot. ((But it still stands, same place, and looking better than ever as the much-modernized home of Mr. & Mrs. Ron. Reshaur, on west Dennis)).

"There's no place like (a good) home," so evidently thought a dmsel who went valiantly east a short time ago for a lengthened stay, but who returned on next day's train.

The publication of the Rapid City "Standard" has been resumed by Mr. Jas. Webham.

Mr. Wm. Herron has returned from his southern trip. He has been as far as Louisiana. Three weeks ago, when he left, it was as hot as we have it in July.

Mr. Jamieson has moved his town house out to his farm in Blake. It took over a week to raise it on runners and get it across the White Mud river. Last Sat. nine yoke of cattle and two span of horses took all day to drag it a mile. A further force of 3 yoke of cattle and two span of horses finished the job on Mon. ((It is presumed, but not known for sure, that the location

of the house while in town was on the Sask. Ave. lot where the home of Mr. & Mrs. Allan Doell is located. For it was the same Mr. Jamieson, who in 1907 purchased the old Presbyterian Church manse and had it moved there . . . still in good service).

Palestine School commences on Wed., April 1st.

A Mr. Russell, photographer, late of Brandon, was pursuing his avocation here this week with some success.

Mr. T. Carmichael has bought out Mr. J. McLean's share of the farm (se 23-14-11) which they purchased lately.

Mr. F. McKenzie, of the Wpg. bar assoc., and Mr. Nash, of Portage, were arrayed against each other in the McCaskill-McQueen case yesterday.

Miss Nettie Findlay has got thro' successfully her first fortnight's experience as teacher at Silver Stream school.

Those who intend to let their bulls run at large this season had better look out, as it is the intention of some to subject the owners to rigorous fines imposed for such trespass by law.

Birth: on the 24th inst., the wife of Mr. Jas. Stewart, Livingstone, of a daughter.

In the notice of the concert last week the instrumental piece on violin, organ and bones was let slip. The skill with which Master J. F. Broadfoot performed on the bones, and the excellent time he kept are worthy of favorable comment. And, of course, the violin & organ playing of Messrs. Alcock & Broadfoot was up to their usual mark; otherwise they would have been left out of the hearty encore that greeted the performance.

A TRIP WEST

In taking a trip up to McGregor Township (*McKivvin district*) last Saturday we noticed quite a few new houses since last we passed over it. The meeting in the schoolhouse last Sunday, to hear the Rev. Stalker preach, showed that the settlement is increasing, though there is lots of room for as many more.

The schoolhouse is as good as any in the county, being well furnished with maps, window blinds, desks, etc. There is an average attendance of 20 scholars. They are making good progress under their teacher, Miss Wright, who appears to have them well under command.

The settlers have also shown their respect for horseflesh by raising a stable, which will very likely be plastered next fall. But both school and stable are evidently too small.

We visited the Messrs. McGregors, where we saw some good stock, who will have about 23 cows this summer. They have al-

so lots of young stock. They have a fine warm place for stables which they have utilized to advantage.

We visited Mr. Milne's place also, who showed us every kindness and gave us also an idea of what a flood can do when it means business. He has a good house, having raised it, and fixed it with only the help of his boys. He has done well since he started.

We had no time to visit any of the others, but from what we saw and could pick up, we think that steady application will make a fine settlement.

We next visited our old friend, Mr. Wm. Ferguson, who is forging ahead. He has got into a new shingled house since our last visit. His stock is also increasing rapidly. He intends raising a granary this year, his former one being swept away in the time of high water, on account of it being too near the bank of the river.

Mr. Jas. Stewart's was next on our road; he was away to Gladstone, but we were shown around by his man. He has 9 horses, & claims to have the biggest and best pair of yearling colts in the county. They should take a prize at the fall show. We noticed also a fine 3-yr.-old heifer, which will calve soon; also a couple of large cows, something like oxen in size. He intends putting up a

new house this summer, having got quite a lot of logs out this winter. We had also a peep at the latest arrival, viz., the baby. From the number of cows around there should be no difficulty in starting a cheese factory.

In coming down towards Gladstone we noticed several houses to our left, quite a piece off the road, but not having time, we had to post on.

We passed Mr. Creary's place, who is hauling logs, preparatory to putting up a house and stable.

The ditch, which extends about 2½ miles from the river, ends here, which has been done sometimes by tender. We understand that the settlers above are grading and making a road so as to continue it still further west. It is getting to look something like what a road should be, not like what it used to be when the writer had to jump into water over his knees to fix something about the pole of the wagon.

We called at Mr. Sebastian's to see him, where we enjoyed a rest and talk till after tea. He has a new comfortable house. It looks well from the road, to which it is quite close.

We have given a pretty meagre account of our western trip, but want of space and time won't permit otherwise. We want people to settle on their places and then the county will go ahead.

is not bred to, more particularly where the determination to fully master the details is fatally lacking. We are not very rich, but for long friendship's sake we would cheerfully have been a little poorer, had our assistance been able to help prevent him taking the step which must lower him in the estimation of every right-thinking man. (*Readers may witness here the true feelings and actions of a great man and a good honest editor, doing what he must do in fairness to all - writing determinedly about a friend as he would about anyone else, without fear or favor. Peter Moodie had been befriended by the Ferguson family when he first came to Canada, and accompanied the Peter Ferguson families - Sr. & Jr. - on their pioneer trip to Palestine in the second yr. of settlement, 1872*)).

Mr. John Chambers has left the employ of Galloway Bros.

Mr. Jas. McCrae is shipping baled hay for the govt.

We are sorry to hear that a son of Thos. Dunning is very ill.

Mr. Peter Ferguson's stock was shipped to Wpg. on Tues. and the store closed. (*This bldg. was located on Morris across the alley from the present Macleod's store. It was destroyed by fire in 1928*)).

Miss Menzies commenced teaching in Golden Stream school on the 15th of last month.

Now is the time to bring along your oats. I am shipping my last car this season and require about 500 bus. to complete it.—J. A. Best.

Miss Nettie Findlay, teacher of Silver Stream school, went to Brandon on Tues. to attend a session of the Normal School there. Miss Rhoda Ferguson has taken her place in school until she returns.

A broken window in a grocery store comes awfully handy these hard times. A "sweet tooth" can be filled without the trouble or worry of trying to hunt in the pockets for the nickel that will not be found when wanted.

There was a social gathering at Mr. and Mrs. Logie's last Tues. evening to commemorate the 5th anniversary of their wedded life, when the guests enjoyed themselves to the full in sampling dainties prepared by their hostess, and also in games and conversation till "about the wee sma' 'oor." We wish them many such happy meetings.

Rev. D. Stalker will preach at Blake tomorrow at 11 o'clock: Gladstone at 3; & Golden Stream at 6 p.m.

Alfred McAdam, being under age, having left his father's home; any person harboring or hiring him, his father will recover his wages. — T. McAdam.

To the Editor of the Gladstone Age: "I would like to know who it was who went to work & burst my door open last Sabbath morning while I was in church. Whoever it was, was a mean man for it was a mean trick. It would be better for the man if he went to church instead of breaking the Sabbath by breaking a door open. He had better come and pay the damages. — Wm. Martin.

(*Judge Ryan held Court last Fri. & Sat. There were 24 cases on the docket*)).

The meeting called on Mon. for consideration of Manitoba Rights fell thro' on account of the hour conflicting with the funeral of the late Mr. Geo. Clubb.

RIEL'S REBELLION

The police and volunteers had an engagement with the rebels at Duck Lake, when the former had to retire, being out-numbered, several being killed and wounded on both sides. At Battleford they killed two settlers and are preparing to raid it. Col. Herschmer left Qu'Appelle Tues. with 30

men and two guns for their relief. The following dispatch was received from Battleford Tues. evening: "We have sufficient arms and ammunition for our numbers. Think we can hold out until relieved. Half-breeds are expected from Duck Lake. The Stonies have joined the others. The Indians have killed several men, burned bridges and taken possession of all the cattle in the district." The Blackfeet are still loyal and those around Calgary, quiet. They appear to be fearing a raid in Minnedosa as strange Indians and half-breeds have been congregating there daily. The citizens have formed a company and telegraphed for arms and ammunition. Every place is organizing, but arms are wanted badly. Archbishop Tache last Sunday in St. Boniface told the half-breeds to remain quiet and not judge the govt. that had brought about the trouble until peace was restored. Troops are being hurried up from Ont., as the Dom. govt. is apparently thinking it is high time to wake up. Better late than never. (*Editor Moodie has apparently obtained most of the above information from the Free Press. Later quotes are thus credited*)).

(*Editorial*) . . .

Slow, but sure, appears to be the motto of our town these days. When the sister towns' all along the line of our railway have been jumping to arms to be early to meet the possible danger that may be abroad, we have not managed even to have a public meeting to decide what is best to do. Some ill-natured person says of us that our forte appears to be in boozing and bumming. We might be a little readier in showing the falsehood of such an imputation.

SAT., APRIL 11th, 1885

Mr. Geo. McCrae has rented the farm of Hon. C. P. Brown. (*The town bridge abuts the s.w. corner of this property*)).

Messrs. Jones and Halliday have given up the milling business.

Mr. Hay and family, recently arrived from Ontario, has rented the farm of Mr. John Switzer, of Golden Stream, for the season.

Mayor Claxton has been putting up a stable on his Blake farm this week.

Scholars were enjoying Easter holidays this week.

Mr. S. T. Wilson has a new building shingled on his Palestine farm.

The river is rising rapidly; & the ice commencing to move.

The Neepawa contingent went to Wpg. on Tues. under Capt. Crawford. There were upwards of 50 of them.

Hon. C. P. Brown paid Gladstone a visit last Fri., returning to Wpg. next day. He was arranging for the renting of his farm.

Mr. B. A. C. Anderson & family left for New York on Thurs. Then they go to Demarara their old home. A safe voyage, brother Scot!

The distress sale of Mr. Holli-day's stuff took place in Gladstone last Mon., when the following prices were realized: Wheat, 42c; wagon, \$43; harrows, \$14.25 and cow, \$34.00.

Messrs. McGregor's and Sebastian's teams took a scamper on Wed. afternoon, the one heading north, the other south. Perhaps they had it in their heads to see which could make the half-round in the shortest time.

We hear there are recruits wanted for the Minnedosa Company. Now is the time to go west. If you don't come back we will know you have taken up a claim, whether it's a final resting place or a working one.

Prairie fires were raging all around last Wed. night. To the late traveller they were a real beacon. North of town the fire was the fiercest. The worst, one of our settlers says, he ever saw. (*The marsh fires, spring and fall, were quite the sight to see. Mostly to the north and east, continuing into the 1930s*)).

Mr. Sebastian had some more trouble with his pony last week. It attempted to run away but was held by Mr. Foster. The wheel of the buggy went over Mr. Sebastian but fortunately not doing him any harm. Mrs. Sebastian was very nearly thrown out.

Messrs. Galloway Bros.' new spring goods are constantly arriving.

A special went up Fri. morning with ties for the front. If only they could get Riel & a few more of the troublers and tie them up then would the winter of our discontent be swallowed up in the genial spring.

(*Editorial*) . . .

Manitoba should be proud of the eagerness with which her sons have volunteered for the front, in the trouble with the half-breeds and Indians. Some gross mismanagement somewhere however, when one part of the people of our young dominion, for safety to the whole, is forced to put its hands to the throat of the other. That is not the way to go ahead.

THE REBELLION

General Middleton is anxious to advance. Everything quiet in the File Hills region. Yellow Quill's band will remain loyal. Volunteers have been given pocket New Testaments by the Bible Society. The blood Indians are

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SAT., APRIL 4th, 1885

Mr. Arthur Clayton, of Golden Stream, started for his farm in Big Plains, last Friday. The rest of the family went by train this week.

Death: At Gladstone, on the morning of the 29th March, Geo. M. Clubb, beloved brother of W. Y. Clubb, aged 26 years.

BIRTH: At Palestine, the 31st, the wife of Mr. M. McLeod, of a son.

We cannot help risking a line or two expressive of our sorrow in all the senses at the unexpected wind-up of our neighbor's business. (*Peter Ferguson store*)). No one possessed the sympathy of the community or deserved it more than he. As a skilled, painstaking farmer he had few superiors here, and was on the high road to affluence, had he only stuck to it. While his too good-naturedness helped the disaster, his failure as a merchant is another proof of the folly of engaging in any business that one

quiet. Col. Irving, who is at Prince Albert, sent a messenger to Qu'Appelle with dispatches for the govt. He wants 1500 men at once. The Indians are over-running the settlement and committing depredations. Gatling guns have been bought from the U.S. govt. It is said that some of the Sioux are becoming demonstrative. All is quiet at Battleford as yet, though the Indians are restless. If there is any reverse to the whites, then there will be trouble. The troops are on the march having left Qu'Appelle, but it will take a week or so before they can reach the scene of operations. Riel is patrolling the south branch with a large force which he will try to prevent the whites from crossing. The commission to investigate complaints and referee grievances has started out. Troops are ordered from all parts of the Dominion to quell and stamp out the rebellion.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH REPORT

A joint representative meeting of the managers of the stations comprising the union church was held last Mon. afternoon in the church here. This being the first gathering of the kind, the pastor, after opening the meeting, took the occasion to congratulate them on taking this new step in advance, auguring as it did, brighter prospects for the cause here. He then left them to their deliberations when Mr. Waters was called to the chair and Mr. P. H. Moodie appointed secretary.

Mr. Dean, sec.-treas. of the congregation then gave a succinct account of the church financial standing, from which the gratifying fact came out that since his appointment the church has not only been holding its own, but has been contributing something to pay up past deficits. In eloquent manner he urged upon his brother managers the duty of educating the people up to a proper standard of giving, and closed by presenting a subscription sheet for the purpose of wiping out the arrears of the present year's salary, so that the new one might be entered upon with a clean score. On short notice within a fourth of the amount needed was forthcoming.

An earnest conversation then ensued as to the prospects for the future, the outcome of which was a unanimous resolution to keep the stipend up to its present amount. The maturing of a scheme to wipe out the indebtedness of the manse and church was left over for the semi-annual meeting of the joint management which takes place in the end of Sept. next. Some other business that properly belonged to the Gladstone Board of Management was left to be settled by them at their next session. On the invitation of the pastor, the managers adjourned in a body to the manse where a sumptuous repast, pre-

pared by the fair hostess, awaited them, to which all justice was rendered. (*This fair hostess, a sister of Rev. Stalker, later, in 1891, became the bride of Peter Broadfoot*)).

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXAM.

The examination was held in the church last Mon. night, Rev. Stalker presiding who made a few remarks before calling on the superintendent for his report, in regard to the duty of parents sending their children to the Sunday School and also seeing that they learned their lessons.

Superintendent's Report:

The school opened on the 13th of April, 1884, when 4 teachers, secretary, librarian and superintendent were elected. The number of scholars on the roll is 52, average attendance, 26. Upwards of \$33.50 was collected, of which sum over \$32 was expended on the purchase of books for the library and a supply of new hymn books. Thirty-five of the old books were exchanged with the Presbyterian Sabbath School of Neepawa, giving in all over 100 volumes of new reading matter. Some unknown friends have sent several parcels of excellent papers for which the school desires to express its thanks. The interest taken by the children in reading the books of the library has been very gratifying; a considerable improvement is also to be observed in the care taken of the books at their homes. Two scholars, George & Harry Clubb, attended every day in which school was held during the entire year; Ellen Small & Tom Broadfoot missed only one day, which speaks well for their industry & perseverance. Besides the ordinary work of studying the international lessons, portions of scripture selected from the old & new testaments were largely committed to memory; the shorter catechism was also used by most of the classes, although not to the extent that might be desired. In this, the parents can render very efficient aid, as coercion in any form is entirely foreign to the spirit of the Sabbath School. Efforts were put forth from time to time to induce young people connected with the church to form a Bible Class, without success. Three members of the school have made public profession of faith in Christ. A weekly teachers' meeting is held for the study of the lessons in connection with the congregational prayer meeting. Our humble thanks are due unto a merciful God for preserving us from such sickness and death as visited the school the preceding year. In conclusion, we commit our work wholly unto the Lord who alone is able to prosper and bring to the end every right-thinking teacher of the young will strive after, viz., the gathering in of souls to the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. We desire also the prayerful help of the church that renewed interest for the welfare

of her children may be manifested. As the Sabbath School is, in every sense of the word, a member of the church's body, it follows that the spiritual life of the School cannot by any means get beyond that of the church. May everyone, then, who professes to be followers of the meek & lowly Saviour, strive both by prayer & diligent effort to help forward the good work that the name of God may be glorified, and souls eternally blest.

On motion the Superintendent's report was agreed to.

Rev. D. Stalker congratulated the School on its good standing, and also the Superintendent for his able report.

PRIZES:

For committing to memory the first four chapters of John: Hannah Small.

For repeating the shorter Catechism: W. G. Budge; Hannah Small.

For repeating the first 10 parables: W. Budge; Nellie Small.

For regular attendance (given by Mr. Campbell, of Wpg.): G. Clubb, H. Clubb; 2nd prize for regular attendance: Nellie Small, T. Broadfoot.

The children acquitted themselves well. W. Budge deserves mention for the way in which he repeated every word, being only 9 years of age.

(*Prizes for the next year were to be provided by Mr. Waters, Mr. Budge, Mr. P. H. Moodie, Mr. Dean, Miss Stalker, Mr. Clubb, Mr. J. Moodie and Rev. Stalker*)).

Officers of the Sabbath School: Superintendent, Mr. Geo. Waters; Deputy Superintendent, Peter H. Moodie; Librarian & Sec.-Treas., Peter Broadfoot; Teachers, Miss Stalker and Messrs. Budge and Moodie.

There was some informal talk about more thorough organization which was left for the teachers to deal with.

(*It may be noted that the above reference to "sickness and death" in Mr. Waters' long report almost certainly is a reminder of the diphtheria plague and the havoc that it caused*)).

The remains of Mr. Peter Ferguson's stuff was sold Thursday.

Messrs. Buck and Rush have rented Mr. Clubb's place, and that of his late brother George, for the season.

Mr. Gunn, wood inspector, has been on his rounds again making it hot for the boys, if not for the wood.

Farmers started seeding Mon.; but frost made them stop next day. The roads are drying fast.

Mr. McGregor's runaway team went home. He had to hire another to get there himself.

Mr. C. P. Bennett, of Livingstone, is going to put an addition

to his house. The lumber came from Port Arthur.

The boys are busy hauling the cordwood which they bought at P. Ferguson's sale.

Rev. D. Stalker went to Wpg. Tues., being appointed one of the Hebrew examiners in Manitoba College.

We have to remind our north-western correspondent that the Gladstone boys, however late at night when visiting in his quarter don't wait until the sun gets up before going home, like some of his neighbors do.

"Golden Flakes Mills" is the name Williams & Esson, new operators of the Broadfoot grist mill, have given their establishment.

SAT., APRIL 18th, 1885

(*Editorial*) . . .

The spiriting away across the boundary line into Dacotah of the cattle belonging to our recently delinquent merchant, Peter Ferguson, by his agents here, that has just taken place, is another most discreditable action & helps to fasten on him the charge of deliberately planning this stampede to rob his creditors. The moral atmosphere of our town life here must be fearfully tainted when it has succeeded in transforming in a few short years one who used to be generous to a fault, who would want himself rather than others should be without their own, and who was ever on the spot to answer to his name through all transactions of his life up to date. (*We'll leave it to readers to imagine the anguish in which Peter Moodie (in his duty as editor), penned these lines in censure of and old and highly regarded friend*)).

W. S. Bailey is preparing to shift his house more to the south of his lot. (*It would appear that Bailey had already bought the "old" Queen's Hotel (then vacant) & owned all the lots in the entire block except those at the west end, where Galloway Bros. store was then located*)).

Master Wm. Williams, who has been doctoring with his hand for some months back, went to Wpg. Tues. to see if it is possible to save the hand. His brother, Arnold, accompanied him. (*This is another of those "clarifications to history" that the old "Ages" reveal. This partner of "A.G." in the huge hardware & implement business that they operated between 1889 and 1911 had a useless hand as a life-long impediment. Perhaps it will be yet revealed what caused it*)).

Mr. Wesley Yeo has got back from Ontario.

Mr. Geo. Pirie left for his home in Wingham, Ont., Tues.

Mr. Thos. Cory Sr., County Court Clerk, is confined to his

home with a sprained foot.

"Let dogs delight to bark and bite, for 'tis their nature to —."

The Minnedosa contingent went to Wpg. last Friday.

Messrs. C. P. Bennett and Morton have bought the W½ of 26.

We hear that Mr. Hayes, father of Mrs. John McLean, is very sick.

Mr. John Edwards, from Dauphin, was in town this week. He says the Indians are quite friendly there.

Who tore out the chinks and plaster from P. H. Moodie's granary, scattering the contents around for the cattle to feed on as well?

Farmers are getting along with their seeding pretty quick this spring, especially those who had a good bit of ploughing done last fall.

An uncle of Mr. B. Williscroft, of this town, was one of the victims of the Frog Lake massacre.

Williams & Esson have changed the name of their milling business to "Eureka Mills".

For the 2nd time in 2 yrs. a cwe belonging to Mr. J. McLeod, has given birth to triplets.

Mr. Geo. Cartwright, of Richmond, has a hen which brought out 19 chickens last Sat. She should crow at any rate.

M. & N.W. land commissioner, Eden, has returned from a western trip in the interests of the road. He declares the company is to build 100 miles of road this summer.

Mr. McDiarmid's son, of Livingstone, killed two geese with a rifle - one shot at a distance of 30 rods. He secured another with a second shot. One of these picked at random, weighed 12 lbs. Not a bad bag - 36 lbs. in 2 shots.

Some of those people who would have no occupation unless elbow deep in other people's business, have been circulating false reports regarding B. A. C. Anderson, who just left for his home in Demarara, Scotland. Since being here Mr. A. has always acted the gentleman. His departure was a little hurried on account of the sickness of his child. But he left more than enough with his agent here to liquidate a few small accounts he had not time to see to payment of himself, which have been settled. Anyone does all that is required of him when he pays his known debts. Still, if there are those who think he owes them, by commuting w. the agent thro' the "Age," these claims will be seen to.

(*Editorial*) . . .

A step by the province in the right direction is the assistance proposed to be given to the Hudson's Bay Rly. & Steamboat Navigation Co. on the completion of the road to the amount of one million dollars.

RIEL'S REBELLION

The Gatling guns have arrived. No more troops to be sent to the North-West at present. The troops had a rough time coming across the gaps. Moose Jaw Indians are said to be friendly. Battleford still holding out, but people are praying for help. The Indians are devastating the Battleford area. A field hospital corps has been formed and is waiting for orders to go to the front. Fighting was expected yesterday. There is talk of a force from Calgary to Edmonton. The following is from a volunteer who took part in the Duck Lake fight: The rebels numbered 300 and being concealed in the woods and a house were not discovered until the police were within 50 yards of them. An Indian in trying to wrest a gun from a policeman during a parley started the ball. The cannon was rendered useless by the policemen putting in the shell without the powder. The volunteers remained standing, caused them to lose so many men, while the police fought lying down. The Prince Albert dead remained on the field 7 days. The rebels captured 15 rifles and about 500 rounds of ammunition. In testing the ammunition, which had been stored in Wpg. for the past ten years, 3 rounds out of 50 only were good. Supplies for 1200 men have been shipped from Qu'Appelle. It will take some time before the supplies can catch up to the troops. Colonel Otter has received instructions to abandon the river expedition and form a flying column for the relief of Battleford. He will have upwards of 200 miles to march from Swift Current before he reaches Battleford thro' a country well suited for Indian tactics. It is rumored that Fort Pitt has fallen.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE

The Sons of Temperance held an open meeting last Thursday in Andrews' Hall. The attendance was fair and the bill of fare which the Society prepared for their audience was relished by them by the hearty way in which they entered into its enjoyment. Such meetings would be the better by being oftener; as it would present the cause of temperance in a more speaking shape to many who never give a thought to the evils of temperance. "Out of sight; out of mind," holds good in this cause as in any other.

The chair was happily filled by Rev. D. Stalker, who made a few pithy remarks on behalf of the cause by saying that the Temperance Act is leaving the people with its healthy sentiments, so that the Scott Act is becoming the rule, instead of the exception, in the Dominion. He hopes to see it in full force also in our own province soon.

The choir then rendered the Opening Ode, called "Prayer" to

the familiar tune of "Old Lang Syne" which was well sustained. Rev. Mr. Murdin then prayed for the divine blessing on the cause of Temperance.

The choruses: "Hurrah for Prohibition," "We'll Crown Them," "Will You Go with Us, and Sign Tonight," were sung well.

Mr. Jones recited in a martial manner, "The League," or "Henry of Navarre."

Mrs. Andrews sang, "Dear Father, Come Home," in fine pathetic tones.

The duet, "The Farewell," between Miss Murdin and Mr. John McLaren deserved the encore it received. Miss Murdin sang her part very plaintively, while to hear Mr. McLaren's full, round bass voice was a real treat. As Mr. Jones, at the end of the entertainment, among other things, said that he desired on behalf of the Society to tender a vote of thanks to Mr. McLaren for his valuable assistance in making it a success; as he was not a member, he might have still further remarked, "Come with us, and we'll do each other good," as his singing would be almost as good an acquisition as his presence in their midst.

The dialogue, "The Train to Morrow," was then gone into, Miss Murdin's make-up being only equalled by the volubility with which she kept up a running fire of questions and garrulous remarks to the busy, writing stationmaster, who looked the annoyance which he could not help at times from breaking out in words by requesting her boy to try to keep the irrepressible old lady quiet.

Rev. Mr. Murdin made a few remarks in eulogy of the Society's working power, saying a temperance man should be a strong man, on account of being able to keep right side up. Intemperance was the cause of most of our crime; therefore we should set our faces against it.

Miss Murdin sang a solo in her usual expressive way.

The play, "Don't Marry a Drunkard" was done by Misses Murdin and May, and Messrs. Dean and Paynter, its moral being don't think you can reclaim a drunkard by marrying him, but to try the reclaiming process before doing so. As we have neither time nor space to mention the individual parts, we can say that the players both acted and spoke their parts with success.

Miss Murdin presided at the organ.

"God Save the Queen," sung by all ended a most enjoyable entertainment.

The collection amounted to a little over \$5.00.

SAT., APRIL 25th, 1885

Mrs. Andrews' new millinery has arrived.

We hear that Mr. Dan Broadfoot is going to teach Austin school.

We hear that Mrs. Chambers, who has been pretty sick, is getting a little stronger again.

Messrs. Morrison, of Woodside, have sold their mill to Mr. Hector McRae, who is taking it to Calgary.

Closed time for ducks commences first of May, so sportsmen, use well the fleeting days!

Hon. C. P. Brown was in town Friday, seeing, we are led to believe, about renting his mill property.

Mr. T. Hembroff is finishing Florence school, though somewhat delayed on account of want of material.

Miss Lizzie Sebastian is teaching Blake school till the regular teacher arrives.

Mr. Clubb is busy fixing Livingstone School. The wet weather has delayed him some, but it will be ready by the first of May, we think.

Ducks & geese are very plentiful. We heard that Mr. Fraser, Palestine, bagged 3 geese at one shot.

Mr. Ross, who was teaching at Palestine school last summer, is engaged to teach the Livingstone one. Teaching begins first week in May. He is at present at the Normal School in Brandon.

A heifer, belonging to Mr. Burr, got into the river the other day, but couldn't get out again. Fortunately Messrs. Doherty & McLean, after a fight, brought it to terra firma.

Mr. Grant, blacksmith, is moving to Neepawa, having bought ought the blacksmith there. Sorry to part with him, for he was a good, quiet citizen in every sense of the term. We wish him every success in his new home.

We hear that Mr. Doherty has got a combined seeder & spring-tooth harrow. It is the first one of its kind in this part. It is for the Glen Bros.

((John Chambers, clerk, gives notice of the Court of Revision for the R. M. of Westbourne for Wed., May 27th, at 10 a.m.))

((A large advt. of small, condensed type has featured the front page of the "Age" from Mar. 21st to this issue, sponsored by the Dept. of Indian Affairs in Ottawa, addressed to: "Millers and others within the North-West Territories" listing agents at Manitoba House, Birtle, Indian Head, Carlton, Battleford, Fort Pitt, Edmonton, Blackfoot Crossing and Fort MacLeod.))

((Editorial)) . . .

This issue shows that we have lived two years, & though crippled, on account of "no times" being the wail, still we mean to try and buoy up, Aaron-like, "Gladstone," till the battle is fought & won. The name "Gladstone" is so interwoven into everything that is progressive and ennobling to the human race, and whose acts and living impulse have propelled the true-thinking men forward in their course of aiding & lifting up their fellow-men to a higher plane, so that "their eyes may be opened" to discern the beauty of power of right-acting and thinking, that it would be a pity to let the name die out, even though an infinitesimal part of the spirit may only be there; for there is something in a name when it acts as a guide both to illumine and encourage us on in our upward and higher walk.

RIEL'S REBELLION

There is talk of a Fenian raid to aid Riel in his rebellion. A band of American Indians, 100 strong, crossed the line to join Riel. They frightened the Turtle Mountain settlers & killed some sheep. The Riel "bill of rights" contains some needful reforms. The Sarcees say they want to be loyal. The ambulance corps has arrived from the east. Venerable cartridges 27 years old; bullets that travel only 200 yds. Battleford still holds out. Three of Riel's Indians were taken prisoners after a hot chase. The Battle River country has been raided, the Hudson's Bay store gutted, and I. G. Baker's manager, a prisoner. Anxiety is felt for Edmonton. The troops are moving toward Batoche. Evidently Col. Otter's dash across the country to Battleford has been abandoned. The commissariat has a hard job to supply the troops. A battle is expected soon if the rebels will stand fire. Mr. John Kerr, one of the brothers whose store was gutted by the rebels at Batoche, had quite a lively time of it in escaping from them. He is now in Wpg. Fort Pitt is said to be taken and two policemen killed, the rest escaped in the direction of Battleford, but tidings have not been heard of them yet. The Indians threaten to attack Battleford next. The Saskatoon settlement has been raided by the Indians. Col. Otter is expected to reach Battleford Wed. Supplies are the great trouble. The telegraph line is down between Humboldt and Clarke's Crossing. The break will soon be repaired, as it is an easy place for fixing. Gleichen has had a scare from Crees trying to run off with Gen. Strang's horses. The Blackfeet Indians are quiet; Qu'Appelle half-breeds and Indians are restless. The Moose Mountain scouts, under Capt. White, left for Qu'Appelle Tues. morning.

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SAT., MAY 2nd, 1885

A special went west this a.m.

Who took the bridle off the pony?

We call attention to the advt. of a yoke of cattle for sale.

OXEN FOR SALE: A yoke of large, first-class working oxen; 6 yrs. old; well broken.—Richard Edwards., Neepawa.

Mr. John Small has rented Mr. Dugald Campbell's farm.

Mrs. May left this week for Minnedosa, to reside there.

Mr. Davidson says the rolling cutter harrow which he got from Mr. D. Rintoul, is just the correct thing.

Mr. McLean got his shoulder out of joint the other day by falling. He got it put in place again.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, of the "Wilson House" took a trip up to Minnedosa this week. He saw cur late miller "Mac" who says he likes Minnedosa first rate.

Revs. W. Kinley and D. Stalker were around this week with a petition to get residents to sign against granting licenses to sell intoxicating drinks.

Mr. Oliver McCrae has shifted his belongings to his farm. He intends putting in his own place this year. We hear he intends putting up a new frame house this year.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Wm. McAdam is very sick. His neighbors did a kind action by turning out and helping him to plough his land and sow it as well. There were 18 teams at the bee.

The party who owns, or has charge of the late Mr. Peter Ferguson's store, next to the printing office, should see that the door is properly fastened; otherwise it will become a stable for stray pigs, etc. Though we have backed a good deal in this country, still we always liked to keep our animals a little further away.

Mr. Jones, late part lessee of the Brown grist mill, left Gladstone last Tuesday. His partner, Mr. Halliday, left last wk. Their accounts are left in the hands of Mr. Budge for collection, for which see advt. We wish them well wherever they go, as they are a couple of good steady fellows.

THE RIEL REBELLION

A fight took place between the volunteers and the rebels on Fri. April 24, about 15 miles south of Batoche. The rebels were posted on the edge of a deep ravine, from which they fired with deadly effect upon the advancing column. The Indians fought in their own fashion. The number of rebels was about 300. Gen. Middleton's hat was shot thro', but he escaped unhurt, and Capt. Wise, A.D.C., had his horse shot under him. The artillery did good work in shelling them out of the ravine. The Indians set the prairie on fire, but a heavy hail shower put it out. The loss sustained was 50 killed and wounded; the rebel loss unknown. The fight was a hot one, the half-breeds keeping up an incessant fire from their concealment in the bush. They were, however, forced to retire before the advance of the left column which advanced rapidly when fighting at close quarters followed. The half-breeds & Indians lay flat on the ground or hid behind trees and sent their bullets whizzing thro' the air with deadly effect. The battery was at first unable to reach them but after securing a better position they shelled the bluffs with good effect. A desperate fight was maintained for over an hour before the rebels began to scatter. Re-inforcements were awaiting them in a couple of houses, but the artillery destroyed them, and they retreated toward the river. They made another stand in a small post in the woods but did not hold it long and were soon beyond the reach of the volunteers' bullets. By 2:30 the attack was repelled. Lord Melgund crossed the river with the 10th Royals and Wpg. Battery during the engagement but arrived too late to take part. The troops behaved well, but being new at the work the number of killed and wounded was great. A lot of ponies were captured as well as a half-dozen Indians. Capt. Wise and Lieut. Doucet, A.D.C., were wounded early in the affair.

((A complete list of those killed and wounded, is provided)).

The dead were buried on the field, Gen. Middleton reading the funeral service. All wounded were sent back to Clark's Crossing where it is thought that a field hospital will be formed at once. The general opinion is that another stand will be made at Gabrielle's Crossing, and another at Batoche. Telegraph com-

munication is interrupted, thus making it difficult to get news. Correspondents are also kept in the dark as much as possible. Sgt. Langtry, of the Queen's Own with a fatigue party and teams, went back to the Mosquito Reserve to bring the remainder of the provisions that had been stolen by the Indians. While looking about the place he found the body of a man covered with straw, the head being terribly slashed. It is believed to be Payne, Indian instructor, whom the Stonies murdered in a treacherous manner. It was buried. Gen. Strange reached the Lone Pines, 60 miles north of Calgary, last Saturday. He sent a message to Crowfoot to the effect that he never lied, and if Crowfoot's people killed cattle, he would clean the Blackfoot out, and Sir John MacDonald, nor Dewdney, could not save them. Father Lacombe has gone to Battle River, to confer with Bishop Grandin and Rev. John McDougall, and will use his influence in dissuading the Indians. The impression prevails that Gen. Strange and Major Steele will show no quarter to armed Indians. There is no news from the front since the battle. The following telegram was sent Tues. to Major Mackeand, of the 90th, and Major Jarvis, of the Wpg. Field Battery, by Mayor Hamilton: "Wpg. rejoices at the bravery of her troops and the gallant attack made upon the enemy. Deep sympathy for the wounded, and deplore the loss of brave men." Supplies are the great hindrance. Dewdney advises all available troops be sent to Sask. district west of Battleford as the Indians are gathering in large numbers, and other massacres are feared. He confirms the Frog and Saddle Lake massacres, and says the Indians sold two white women to the half-breeds, supposed to be Mrs. Delaney and Mrs. Gowanlock. Chief Justice Wilson eulogizes the volunteers for their pluck. The Wpg. Ladies' Relief Assoc. is being thoroughly organized. The Halifax Regiment was splendidly feted by their countrymen in Wpg. The officers and men are disappointed in not being sent to the front. The troops at Battleford are hunting for Indians. They have sent an expedition against Poundmaker. A stubborn resistance is expected. The Indians and half-breeds at Qu'Appelle are threatening to rise, and, if the Sioux do not join them, massacre them. The situation is grave.

((PLEASE NOTE: There is no paper in the file for May 9th. Also there is a change in publishing date from "Saturdays" to "Fridays").

FRIDAY, MAY 15th, 1885

((There are three editorials in this issue. One is regional: That the extension of the M. & N.W.

will go towards its planned objective of Prince Albert by only 50 miles this summer, not the 100 expected. But little fault is found in this, No. 2 is "local", and deplores the antics of drunks or other irresponsible lunatics who spent one night breaking windows in an unoccupied house; No. 3 is Dominion-wide; a strong objection to the John A. Macdonald govt. and its expensive ways; & of its regrettable tardiness in not redressing the wrongs to Indians before the flare-up)).

Ties are being hauled to the front from here.

80 degrees in the shade is not bad for a start.

Rev. F. Jephcott got a present of a flying squirrel, to stuff, from Mr. Cooney.

Mr. Hawkins is going to build a rain-water cistern for Rev. Stalker, 5-ft. high and 5-ft. across.

Where is the health inspector these days? Back yards are waiting upon him to be ventilated. There are two or three places around town that would need fresh air into their lower stratum.

We had a call from Mr. A. McKenzie, who was in Gladstone this week paying all indebtedness against the school built at Florence this Spring. Miss Julia Dunning starts teaching there on Monday, June 1st.

The new seats for Palestine School, made by Mr. Willisroft, answer the purpose admirably. On the roll at present are 46 names, with prospects of shortly having another dozen.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Williams has met with such success in her labor of love on behalf of our volunteers, 203 dozens of eggs, and a case of jellies were sent Thurs. to Clarke's Crossing from Gladstone per the M. & N. W. rly., free of charge to Portage where they will be taken in hand by the C.P.R. and sent right to the hospital. Mrs. W. expects also to send some butter either this week or next. Thanks are due all who have in any way aided such good work.

Mr. Burpee, who comes from the east, is getting Mr. Brown's place ready for seeding. From the collection of seeds we saw he intends having a good garden in the bend this year. He also intends breaking up quite a lot of new land this year. We wish him every success as well as a cordial welcome.

Who took away the chain that was helping to keep the bridge at Donald Ferguson's old place secure in case of high water coming before it could be repaired? Surely we must have some queer people amongst us, as it might have led to some serious accident, if it had not been noticed in time. ((This river crossing, located a mile south and a

mile west of town, became known in later times as "Findlay's" bridge, but has long been a misnomer. "Morrison's" would be a truer term now since Ken has owned the former John Broadfoot farm for some 40 years. It should also be noted that for yrs. after settlement, the bridge here was on the main road west, and as late as 1950 when the hwy. was re-routed around the town, engineers planned on using that route again, & may have done so if the late Hon. Wm. Morton had not favored the present route - just one of the many things the honorable gentleman did for the town in his own quiet way of doing things. After all "his" farm could have had hwy. frontage)).

Mr. Jas. Foster is travelling "Ontario Chief" this season, having bought him from Mr. Donald Ferguson. He starts out Mon. by way of Blake and Richmond.

We hear that Mr. Dan MacLean, who has been teaching at Woodside school, which is closed, is going to Wpg. to fill a position there. ((Later he served for many, many years as sec.-treas. of the Gladstone School Board)).

Parties wishing Flour, Barley or Chopped Feed can be supplied at the office of Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co., Gladstone.

Westbourne Agricultural Soc. will meet in Andrews' Hall on May 30th, at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Geo. McCrae has upwards of 50 acres of wheat in, in Brown's field on the other side of the river.

Mr. Elliott lost his house and stable by prairie fire this week.

Mr. Burpee has been hurrying up with the field at the railway.

Mr. Clubb started out Monday with three teams laden with lumber, etc., to put up Roseridge schoolhouse.

((Advt.)). The celebrated bull "Chief Factor" (1288) will stand in his stable, Doherty's block, in Gladstone, for the season.

Mr. Sebastian's team took a run the other day, when they went thro' a gateway, into a shed among old machinery, then to the bank of the river, at which they turned right half-face, not caring to commit horse-side or go for a swim as the water was too cold, and made for the bridge, at which they made a left half-face, the end of the wagon just grazing the opposite side of the bridge as the wagon swung rapidly around; then for home rejoicingly at which they arrived all right, with the exception of the boards, having been swerved into the ditch by one trying to stop them in their wild career. If these brutes work as intelligently as they ran such a road without getting themselves or the wagon mixed up, we think they will not need a driver soon. ((The Sebastians (they of the many daughters) lived 3 miles west & 1 mile south of town)).

THE RIEL REBELLION (Free Press)

Col. Otter has not yet decided on his plans for the future. The attack on Poundmaker must be renewed, but cannot be without re-inforcements. Scouts sent out to reconnoitre the Indians' position reported them still at Cut Knife Hill, where Saturday's battle occurred. It is believed their loss in the action was heavy otherwise they would have followed up. It is not known whether Big Bear joined Poundmaker or not. The wounded are all doing well, and are in comfortable quarters, with the best of attendance. Pte. Lloyd was wounded in the back while assisting Pte. Acheson in the heroic rescue of one of our dead from falling into the hands of the enemy. The other three wounded men: Cooper, Varey and Watts, were shot in the gallant charge on the enemy led by Lieut. Brock. Watts is wounded in the scalp, but it is not severe; Cooper got a deep flesh wound in the hip, but is doing well; Varey is but slightly wounded in the right shoulder. Spacken's wound is in the fleshy part of the upper arm. Winter has a bullet thro' his cheek and under his nose. McQuilken is rather deeply wounded in the left side below the ribs. Gilbert was shot in the back part of the neck, but no bones were touched. Ward's lower abdomen is pierced but he is getting on well. Gaffrey was wounded in the fleshy part of his forearm. Morton has a slight wound in the thigh. Gunner Reynolds was shot thro' the shoulder and the bone shattered. Lieut. Pelletier was wounded in the fleshy part of the thigh.

It was reported in the camp that the Indians lost 125 men. The two 7-pounders became disabled by the trucks breaking down during the engagement, & it is to this that Col. Otter's withdrawal is attributed.

The enemy was almost completely silenced. The retirement was made in perfect order, and was the result of a perfect piece of generalship. The fight lasted seven hours, and the men had no sleep the night before, and no breakfast. Several fell asleep while lying in the skirmishing line when the enemy had been silenced for some time. The sun was very hot and no water could be got. The Indians have received a severe punishment, and will get more of it. Re-inforcements are now on the way up from Swift Current. The governor-general's body guards have about completed the breastworks at their camp at Humboldt which is to be made a chief base of supplies for the front. The telegraph line is down north of Qu'Appelle. Gen. Middleton's forces started from their camp near Gabriel's Crossing, May 9th, the steamer Northcote, with 100 men on board, proceeding down the river at the same time. The troops marched for over 2 hours, and when nearing the river a-

gain found the steamer was being fired upon by rebels on both sides of the stream. The advance was then hurried. The first encounter took place near the store of Kerr Bros. and the church of St. Laurent. The Toronto Grenadiers and "A" battery were placed in front of Col. Boulton's Scouts with the Gatling gun ahead as skirmishers, while the 90th battalion, a portion of the Midlanders and the Wpg. Field Battery formed the support. The rebels were driven from the vicinity of the houses and the church by the Gatling and field guns, and they retired into the ravine, in which, following out their Fish Creek plan, they had formed a number of rifle pits. At the church four priests and a few sisters of Charity were met, and were left in quiet possession of the buildings. Passing down from the high bank towards the river flat, the troops began the more serious work of the day. The two guns of "A" battery were stationed near the top of the bank and commenced to shell the rebels' position on the flat below. A number of half-breeds made a plucky attempt to capture the guns, but couldn't withstand the fire of the Gatling which was turned on them. An attempt was made to storm the flank of the rebel entrenchments by detachments from "A" Battery, French's scouts and the Grenadiers, but the defences were too strong and the place was too well chosen, to leave much chance. In this attack nearly all the casualties of the day on the side of the troops were inflicted. After this, operations were confined to a scattering fire at intervals along the line of skirmishers, and the dropping of shells by the two batteries, among groups of rebels, and on houses within the line of rifle pits. Some of the houses in the immediate vicinity of the ferry were badly damaged by the shells.

In the meantime, the Northcote, to escape the hot fire from the banks, passed down the river to below the crossing, and is at present a mile or two below that point.

It is supposed that the rebels removed their women & children and most of their portable property, across the river yesterday intending to make a stubborn fight to hold their position on this.

The casualties were one killed and seven wounded. The enemy driven to the woods. The loss to them unknown. The rebels are still active and watching. Everything is all right at Battleford. Three Gatlings are said to have been sent to Riel, being smuggled over the line by Americans; also a good supply of rifles and ammunition. This is believed to be a canard. It is said that Batoche was taken Tuesday. The firing was kept up from Saturday until taken. The casualties were two killed and 16 wounded.

Golden Stream: This was unfortunately mislaid, which accounts for its lateness of insertion. Following is the report of the school for the month of April in order of standing: (Standard 4): Gertrude McConnell, Maggie McConnell, Albert Clayton; (Standard 3): Ida McConnell, Alfred Clayton, Frank Clayton; (Standard 2): Ruth McConnell, Ida McConnell, Willie Clayton, Willie Lloyd. (Standard 1): Willie Newman. — Katie Menzies, teacher.

FRIDAY, MAY 22nd, 1885

We hear that Mr. Jas. Lloyd, of Golden Stream, has gone to team supplies at the front.

Mr. Andrew Paul is putting up an addition to his house. A frame one.

The M. & N. W. has built a cattle-yard at Gladstone for the convenience of shippers.

We hear that the M. & N. W. is likely to start construction at the first of the month.

Mr. Wm. May, general agent for Messrs. John Elliott & Co. was in town this week.

At the sale of Mr. Rolland's wagon on Thurs. it brought \$37. We understand it was bought in by the company.

Mr. Arnold Williams, we sec, is doing some more tinkering work to the bridge across the river at Morris.

What about the Queen's birthday? Is it to be let slide? Can't we have a caterwauling match or someth' that will prevent the blood becoming coagulated?

Mr. Con Bennett got 250 shade trees of various kinds from Leslie's Nursery, Toronto. This is a step in the right direction as it both beautifies the home & acts as a wind-break.

Mr. Donald McCaskill's horse, with buggy attached, took a race themselves last Fri. afternoon. Fortunately, front and rear were brought up without injury. Hitching posts come awful handy to prevent runaways.

We have been requested to intimate to owners of pigs that they will have to shut them up, else there will be trouble. Who is poundkeeper, is the question asked? Has the Council appointed one? If not, why not?

Fill well the bill with saving clauses,
Let's sink our patriot name;
Leave speaking to the Grita alone,
And pass this precious (?) franchise bill.
— By Desire.

Mr. Ben Willisroft finished Mr. C. P. Bennett's house in Livingstone Twp. this week. It is a 16 x 24 frame building and is finely fixed up. The lumber is first class. It came from Port

Arthur. It is being painted by Messrs. Rintoul & Gray. The old home got a re-dressing as well, so Mr. and Mrs. B. can congratulate themselves on having a fine home.

THE RIEL REBELLION (Free Press)

How They Took Batoche . . .
The Grenadiers, the 90th, the Midland Battalion, Boulton's cavalry, French's Scouts, and the Surveyors, advanced at 1 p.m., May 13th, from camp in extended order, & at 6 p.m. had reached a point 1 mile beyond Batoche without any serious check, with the assistance of the Gatling gun, the 9-pounder of "A" battery, and two 7-pounders of the Wpg. battery, which shelled the rebels from bluff to bluff; and also the house in Batoche village, The Gatling, worked by Capt. Howard, did good execution, & cleared several ravines. The Midlanders were on the right, the Grenadiers in the centre, and the 90th on the left, with mounted men in support. They cheered as they advanced, and hardly waiting to fire, advanced with a rush on the rebels' position, driving them from the rifle pits one after another. The rifle bullets fell like hail, but the men in their enthusiasm did not mind them, and pushed forward despite everything, sometimes being close up to the rifle pits before the rebels fled. Many rebels fled across the river, and some were shot while swimming. All Riel's prisoners were released from cellars in the village & were pale & weak. The force bivouacked in the village that night, the zereba being left under a small guard. All behaved nobly and the general is delighted beyond measure. The rebels' loss was very heavy. The casualties were five killed and 17 wounded. A Battleford supply train composed of 31 wagons & teamsters was captured by the Indians. Gen. Middleton captured a rebel while out reconnoitering. Riel and Dumont escaped down the river. The Northcote had a hot time of it from the rebels, who kept up a hot fire along the banks, trying to corral it at the ferry by lowering the rope, but only succeeded in damaging the smoke-stack. Riel was captured three miles from Batoche by scouts. He begged not to be shot. He was brought into camp. White flags are displayed in all directions, and the rebels are submitting. In Gen. Middleton's despatches the troops are complimented on their coolness and dash. Sgt.-Major Watson died in the hospital. Poundmaker is being hunted for by the scouts. He has captured another train of supplies. Gabriel Dumont is supposed to be wounded. Following is an exact copy of a letter sent by Riel and his councillors to the Indian chiefs and half-breeds in the vicinity of Fort Qu'Appelle: "Batoche, April 30: Dear relatives: We have the pleasure to let you know that on the 26th of last month God

has given us a victory over the mounted police. Thirty half-breeds and some five or six Cree Indians met 100 policemen and volunteers. Thanks to God we defeated them. Yourselves dear relatives, do what you can. If it is necessary, take stores, provisions and ammunition, and without delay come this way as many as it is possible. The mounted police are making preparations for another attack. They are gathering themselves in one force, and no delay should be exercised. Come and reinforce us. Send us the news." (Signed) Louis David Riel ((and 13 Councillors)).

Corp. Code, wounded at Fish Creek, is dead. Gen. Middleton is going to Prince Albert. The blood Indians at MacLeod are getting restless. There is no news from Gen. Strange. Constable Bell's body was found and buried. More troops are wanted at Calgary. The 32nd Bruce Battalion are enroute for the front. The Montreal Garrison Artillery as well. The Sounding Lake Indians are on the warpath and making for Calgary. Great excitement prevailed in Quebec and Ontario when it was known that Riel was taken prisoner, some not crediting it, others saying "why didn't they shoot him?" Maxime Lepine gave himself up shortly after Riel was captured. Dumont is still at large. Gen. Middleton is expected to be at Prince Albert ere this. A contingent of nurses are on their way to the front. Likely Riel will be tried for treason felony, so the lawyers appear to say. All quiet at Battleford. Poundmaker seems jubilant over his seizure of the supplies. He and his followers are watching around Battleford. The troops are going to have a Big Bear hunt. They are in good health and spirits. Colonels Otter and Irvine are likely to be called to account for disobeying Gen. Middleton's orders. The following despatches have passed between Premier Norquay and Gen. Middleton:

Winnipeg,
May 14, 1885.

Gen. Middleton, Batoche: Accept from my colleagues and myself congratulations on your glorious victory. We are proud of the achievement of our boys under your command.—John Norquay.

Guarda Pais Crossing,
May 18, 1885.

Hon. John Norquay,
Winnipeg.
Thanks from my troops and myself to you and your colleagues for your congratulations on our success. You have every right to be proud of the men from Wpg. who are with me.—Fred Middleton, Major-General.

((The Moodies went to a lot of work back in those days of

hand-set type, to provide their readers with what they realized could be a turning point in his for the country. Peter, a staunch Liberal in those politically-oriented times, was violently critical of John A. MacDonald and the Conservative Party for what he assumed to be almost criminal efforts to thwart an explosive situation. Readers can judge his long editorial expressive of his views, as they see fit)).

((Editorial)) . . .

Riel is taken! How those words must have affected our worthy Dominion premier, who, after many years of patient waiting and watching finds the dearest wish of his heartfelt prayer realized. "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick," but the heart bounces with new life when hope has ceased to be and we have come into the quiet possession of that which we so fervently desired to have enjoyment in. We don't know anything about the inner workings or metaphysical nature of man, but no doubt far away down the keen aesthetic feelings of our worthy premier must have thrilled him with ecstatic delight when he found that providence had answered his prayer. Wrong-doing unchecked, we all know, increases instead of diminishes; so our astute head knew the meaning of the words uttered in his concern to uphold the honor of his country which he holds so dear for his own sake. He knew, though Riel slipped thro' his fingers in the Red River Rebellion, on account of being so slippery with the \$6,000 he had been greased with, still when he got rough and ready to take on more he would come back. He did come back again and was elected by acclamation for Provencher, which threw Wpg. at that time into such a fever of excitement that a team, laden with the boys, started out, armed cap-a-pie, on the morning of election day, to take him dead, not alive, but the bird had flown. Nasty people said he had been warned of his danger, but people will talk, you know. Then, nothing daunted, our noble Riel went to record his name on the books of the House of Commons as a duly elected member for Provencher. Like a good many more who can't come to light, he had to adopt the crooked underground to get in his best work of signing his name in the Members' Book, which he did, unidentified by the Clerk who, it was said, was kept in play by the friend of Riel and a Member of the House as well, until such time as he had accomplished it, when they both quickly disappeared in the same underground manner, before the Clerk took notice to the name, when it was too late to think of catching him. (Pity they had not gone a little deeper under the ground). But this was too much for the temper of the House, and accordingly Mr. Riel wisely crossed the

line without attempting to take his seat. Now he has come back and fanned discontent into open rebellion again, causing great expense to the country this time, and, worse still, loss of many lives. But, rejoice greatly, the fervent, earnest prayer of our noble chief has been answered, and Riel is taken!

The trouble is, what are we going to do with him. It is said that he's mad, or feigning it. Perhaps he's mad at being taken. If the people are left to deal with him, he will find that there are a great many of them angry, and justly angry too, at the sorrowful hearts which he has caused from end to end of the Dominion. Our hope is that he will be tried by military tribunal, and, according to its simple code, a rebel, taken with his arms in his hands, is liable to be shot.

But this is no common rebel. He was an outlaw for murder, because he, and he alone, was responsible for the brutal way in which he caused Scott's death. He had no more right to try Scott than he had to raise this rebellion. (We believe he was amnestied, or rather whitewashed, by an incapable govt. for the murder he had done, and this worse fiasco is their acknowledgment of their stupid or criminal leniency towards him). We would like to hear in what manner and who were the parties then that connived at his escape, from his own lips. It might aid us in knowing our fellow men a little better. "Look upon every man as a rogue till you find him out to be a gentleman," is life's study these days. The children of Israel were said to be, in Isaiah's time, "From the crown of the head to the soles of the feet full of wounds and bruises and putrifying sores" which holds good in our time, as we, as a nation, are politically corrupt, from the head downward. This rebellion is the first boil that has broken out. Will it cleanse us, or, after it's healed, will the body corporate become more corrupt, forgetful of the teachings, of providence, till a greater sore breaks out, which will not be so readily healed.

We do not believe in being vindictive, but we say that nothing less than death should be inflicted upon Riel. He has caused a wail of anguish from parents weeping for the pride and stay of their lives being taken from them. We often have maudlin sentiment for the murderer waiting for his just doom, but little thought for his victim, often hurried, without preparation, to his judgment. If he has been a misguided man in raising this second rebellion, history, if not himself, will let this generation or the next execrate the man, and the means whereby a murderer was allowed to escape at first so that he might, a second time, cause greater loss of life.

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1885

We are told that Mr. Jos. McAlpine is poundkeeper.

Last Friday night's storm killed a cow and calf belonging to Mr. Geo. McCrae.

Thirty head of cattle belonging to Mayor Claxton and Mr. Rose have been lost for a week or more.

Mr. Willisicroft thinks he will be able to start on Mr. Oliver McCrae's new house this week.

The Masonic Lodge, of Gladstone, is going into mourning for the late Col. Kennedy.

Mrs. Milne, of McGregor twp., had rhubarb in town this week a foot long; also good sizeable onions.

Mr. Edward Hyndman, of Clon William, is breaking on his own place here.

((Over the signature of C. P. Brown, Minister of Public Works the prov. govt. is calling for tenders of certain drains. Heading the list is Dead Lake)).

Mrs. Hembroff, of Squirrel Cr. was buried Thursday.

Mr. Isaac Davidson has planted 8 acres of potatoes. Some backs will ache in the fall if the 'tatoes thrive.

Mr. Arnold Williams has shifted Mr. W. S. Bailey's house this week into the centre of his lot. The family was living in it all the time as if nothing unusual was happening.

We were told that the bridge over Silver Stream, beyond Dead Lake, near Mustard's, requires a couple of plank to prevent teams breaking their legs in crossing it.

Mr. Burpee has planted 3½ acres of potatoes; also any amount of garden stuff; and an acre of turnips. Surely we should have a good supply at the show this year.

The Queen's Birthday passed off with the usual quiet becoming our town, with the exception of a solitary pig, seeking, like a celebrity, which shall be nameless, that which it could devour on forbidden ground, and accordingly was run into pound by one of our city fathers.

Mr. Stewart, builder of bridges, etc., and who is deepening the well at the tank, says that when he gets down another two feet he expects to have enough water to make him independent of the river. He will be only 20 ft. down then. He also says that he finds no trouble at all in keeping the supply water here either in winter or summer.

The cattle-yard which the Rly. has built here for the accommodation of shippers, is a strong, substantial, and well put together job. It has tamarac posts, into which the scantling is notched, then boarded on the inside, with

a shed on one side supported by two strong posts. It has a good gate on it, also a sloping garg-way for the cattle to walk up or to the platform, at either side of which there is a leaf of a strong door which are made to fit into the car, so that when once the beast is on the platform it is bound to go into the car, as it can neither go to left or to the right. The inside of the yard is all whitewashed and the floor is covered with gravel.

Gardens in the Silver Stream district must be very early this year. Mrs. J. Knox has an excellent one.

Geo. F. Burpee is asking for tenders for breaking all or part of C. P. Brown's lands lying north and west of Williams' and Esson's Grist Mill. ((It is nice to have the land leased by Mr. Burpee from Brown properly located. The mill was positioned on the west side of Morris Ave. at 5th St. It also indicates that Mr. Brown owned the two half-sections, one on each side of Morris. But this, too, proves more than a little bit confusing, as an early map shows "Hon. Alex Morris" as owner of the above-mentioned west half-section)).

We know that McGregor twp. goes largely into raising of garden stuff. Mr. Riddell will have about 1½ acres of onions and somewhere between 20 & 30 varieties of potatoes. Mr. Halliday is also strong in garden produce. Messrs. A. & D. Gerow also make a specialty of raising tomatoes & onions, having hot-beds for the former. We saw at Mr. Milne's last Sat. night any amount of the different kinds of plants to set out, especially tomatoes, which fairly made us wonder, and also inclined us to feel a little impatient to again taste the luscious love apple. There are doubtless others around there who go into the garden line whom we have not the pleasure of knowing, but hope soon to become better "acquainted" for we're a' John Tamsan's bairns.

Coun. Andrews is going into the hen business on a large scale. He has built a good house for them in which he intends building a brick oven for the hens to lay in winter; also moveable roosts so as to let the hens dust and cleanse themselves during the day among sands which he intends putting down for them on the floor, which is a good lumber one. He has from 50 to 60 chickens of the common kind.

Taking a stroll last Mon. night we looked into Livingstone school which shows Mr. Clubb's handiwork in a marked manner. Both outside and inside it shows painstaking effort. The lumber and shingles are from Port Arthur, and good. It sets off the road well. We went as far as Mr. C. P. Bennett's, who was getting his new house painted. It joins onto the west end of the old house, with a verandah running all the length of the new house, and

having a southern exposure. Both upstairs and down it reflects credit upon Mr. B. Willisicroft, the builder. The verandah part will be the most enjoyable, being light and airy, and well adapted for everything but working. The painting was done by Messrs. Rintoul and Gray which shows they understand light and shade; & also how to harmonize colors. They are evidently putting their best foot forward. Altogether, this road has a look of solid comfort from the class of buildings on it. For a stretch of 1½ miles we have six good buildings. Mr. Daniel Budge's comes first, then across from his, embowered among the trees, Mr. John Ferguson's. Further up, on the corner of his farm, Livingstone's neat schoolhouse, which will soon be enclosed by a wire fence, as we saw the posts lying ready to hand. Then comes Mr. Morton's, but back from the road, which looks like a miniature village from the number of shingled roofs one sees from the road. Next comes Mr. Bennett's, hidden partly by a bluff; and lastly Mr. Sebastian's, which is close to the road, and from which it looks well. We saw Mrs. Budge in the garden, to whom we spoke for a minute or two, who told us she had been using garden stuff for a week or so. She works for it, we think, for she bestows great pains on her garden.

THE RIEL REBELLION (Free Press)

The commissioners appointed to settle half-breed claims have disposed of all of these in Fort MacLeod & Pincher Creek. They remained at Calgary to dispose of the claims they had left before, and then went to Edmonton. Father Lacombe is among the Blood Indians at MacLeod, trying to keep them quiet. The base for supplies has been changed from Swift Current & Qu'Appelle and concentrated at Moose Jaw. Building are engaged for hospital and ground selected to encamp troops on. The Swift Current point has been closed. There is a rumor that dissatisfaction among the Indians in the north, is spreading. Killeraugh, the mail-carrier from Battleford, brought it to Saskatchewan Landing all right, after running the gauntlet of the Indians for miles. Teamsters won't move without an escort. The Bruce battalion is under orders for the front. The grand jury in its presentment at Toronto, said that they hoped that there would be no more intrigue or false sympathy made to stand in the way of the just punishment of the rebellion. Some more Grenadiers want to come from Toronto to take a hand in the fighting. Montreal Garrison Artillery has arrived in Winnipeg and relieved the home guard from further duty. Cpl. White's Scouts, in 3 days covered a distance of 195 miles, having a blinding snow-storm for several hours the first two days. Indians made a raid on a farmer 2 or 3 miles from Birtle,

but the Indian agent captured them and made them unload. The Indians are asking for a powwow with Gen. Middleton. The Prince Albert settlers have returned to their homes, the troops having restored confidence. The wireless has been working again. Teamsters have agreed to go with supplies after being told that they would be properly escorted. The 90th is anxious to go home. Le Canadien, the leading French journal in Quebec contradicts the statement made in Montreal as coming from one Chaumette, a former employee of the Beauport Asylum, stating that Riel was perfectly sane while confined to that institution. Le Canadien says Chaumette does not speak the truth, that Riel had entirely lost his reason, having a religious monomania, and at times got so furious that he was uncontrollable. Poundmaker wants peace. He delivered up the prisoners held by him, among them being Father Cochin, who had a letter from Poundmaker asking the terms he would get if he surrendered. Col. Otter sent Father Cochin to tell him that he must communicate with Gen. Middleton as to the conditions of surrendering. His camp numbers 1400, half of them being fit to bear arms, with 360 horses. He holds a strong position near Lizard Lake. A scouting party captured Whitecap and some of his band. They were placed under guard. The General and his troops have arrived at Prince Albert. Capt. G. H. Young is placed in charge of Riel who will be put in jail at Regina. Capt. French was buried near his home. Gen. Middleton sent the following message: "Arrangements have been made to send French's body to Qu'Appelle. His death is deeply regretted by us all; he was as gallant an officer as ever lived.—Fred Middleton." It is believed that some of the Blackfoot are on the warpath. The half-breed commission is at Calgary and disposed of a number of claims. The breeds are all taking their scrip, though they are selling at a slight ad-

vance on previous prices. F. X. Lemieux, M.P.P., & Charles Fitzpatrick, advocate, who figured so conspicuously in obtaining a reprieve for Madame Boutel, the Baie St. Paul murderess, who is now in Kingston penitentiary, have been retained as counsel in the defense. Riel arrived at Regina last Sat. under escort of 16 men. He looked haggard and seemed to be in fear that violence might be shown him, but there were no indications of anything of the kind. He speaks but little, and seems to have resigned himself to what he considers his inevitable fate. The troops arrived at Prince Albert last Sat. and met with a hearty welcome from the settlers. They were escorted from the outskirts of the village by a detachment of mounted men under Col. Irvine, a squad of volunteers under Col. Sproat, and were headed by the citizens' band. Gen. Middleton was presented with an address of welcome by the citizens. After a day or two they left for Battleford by the steamer Northwest. Chiefs Beardy and Okemasis have given themselves up. The General parleyed with them. They denied being in any fights. Their trestle medals were taken away from them. The General said they would be chiefs no longer. Poundmaker sends word that he will settle by treaty. Congratulatory telegrams were received by Gen. Middleton from the Governor-General and Lord Wolseley. The 59th left Sun. by steamers Baroness and Alberta for Battleford. Owing to the non-arrival of the steamer Marquis the Grenadiers were obliged to go by rail along with the scouts and transport teams. Poundmaker and thirty of his councillors and chief men, with 210 stand of arms, surrendered unconditionally.

The 90th have arrived at Battleford. Riel not so crazy as is said. British Columbia has sent a trunk-full of underclothing and linen, and \$210.60 for the volunteer hospital fund. The rebellion is virtually over.

made a start on Mr. Oliver McCrae's new house this week.

All interested in starting a cricket club here are requested to meet in Dean & Paynter's store Sat. evening at 8 o'clock sharp.

We see Rev. Stalker is getting his tank into the ground to be in time to catch some, if not all, the June rains.

The children of the town had a picnic of their own on the other side of the river last Sat., where they enjoyed themselves with swings, etc., to their hearts' content, not forgetful of the eatables which their folk furnished them with. We hope the next one they have they will invite the big folks to get a share of the fun.

Don't tell anyone that I sold you liquor, as I haven't any license, nor yet do I intend to supply for one, but just to sell on the sly. Just put down your money. I will likely find it when I'm wiping the counter.

A horse, in being watered at the river the other day, got stuck in the mud. The parties had some trouble before getting him out. Better take a pail and water them, and so save lots of trouble.

((The rather wide-open sale of liquor in the town (without license to do so) has prompted an editorial from Mr. Moodie. He ends it with the question)): Are our town officials doing their duty knowing there is, according to law, a revenue derived from the sale of intoxicating liquors, and allowing it to be openly sold without collecting the same? Can't they cut the Gordian knot in some fashion? We are very sure that the people as well as the tavern-keepers would like to see the thing settled.

Woodside: The wife of Mr. Bires, section boss here, had a daughter on the 29th ult. — Mr. Thos. Demarais was married by Rev. F. Jephcott, of Gladstone, on Mon., June 1st.

((The only display advt. in the "Age" are by Galloway Bros. and James Doherty, hardware; totalling 2 cols. of space)).

Mr. W. F. Schooley, station agent, who has been sick for this week back, is able to be around again, we are glad to see.

Rosieridge: (Re that "Eppy Gossip" letter): To The Editor of the Gladstone Age: I notice in one of the issues of your paper a letter from Rosieridge signed "Eppy Gossip." Eppy Gossip let him be. I see he is only trying to right himself by dodging at some others; also he is trying to win some matrimonial favor by making a few insignificant and unimportant notes about buggy riding. But he is miscalculating. The day has gone by when Eppy Gossip could successfully practise little tricks like buggy riding himself. — A "Looker-On."

THE METHODIST CONCERT

This concert was held Tuesday night in Andrews' Hall when a very fair audience attended. "Better to be dead than out of of fashion," accounts, we suppose, for a good hour elapsing before commencing the program. Mr. E. E. Best acted as chairman, which he did with effect.

The concert was opened by the Gladstone Glee Club singing a glee with animation.

Mr. J. H. Davidson read the piece entitled, "Socrates Setting a Hen," which he did well, his imitation of the Dutch accent being good.

Miss Black, a young lady from Wpg., who was a college mate of Miss Davidson, and with whom she has been rusticated for a short time, sang "Welcome Pretty Primrose Flower" in a taking manner, which she responded to by giving the song of the "Three Young Misses" which was laughable, but at the same time sad, sad — looking to their single-blessed ending — with fine taste. On her second appearance she sang, "Good-bye" which caused the audience to request another. We are sure that we echo the sentiments of all who heard the young lady sing for the first time, that they had enjoyed a treat. We hope she won't forget to give us the pleasure of hearing her again. She has a good voice, which she has well under command, and which she can use either with expressive joy or pathos. "Good-bye" was especially sung with plaintive expression. Her articulation was also good.

A quartette, entitled the "Burial of Our Brave Volunteers" by Mrs. Best, Miss Davidson & Messrs. Mason and Scott, was sung in a feeling manner.

Mr. John McLaren sang, "Take Back Thy Heart," to which his rich, bass voice rendered justice to. He repeated a verse on the demand of the audience for a deserved encore.

Mr. E. E. Best read "Mrs. McWilliams and the Lightning," with naivete, to the great amusement of all.

A new departure was introduced by the ladies, who dressed themselves up to represent celebrities — historical and homely — by erecting canvas across the stage and appearing as pictures, which space was cut out to let their faces be seen in the subdued light. The trouble was the curtain was too quickly drawn to half satisfy us of the ravishing sight. The representation of Faith, Hope & Charity was good, the drapery looking rich; also the representation of the "Rock of Ages" looked natural, the colored lime light adding to the effect of the transformation scenes in the darkened hall. The dresses of the ladies added grace to their bewitching appearance, and made our hearts go pit-a-pat as we thought of "beauties adorning."

Miss Murdin presided at the organ during the evening with her usual ability. Her promptness and courage required to be noticed; for, as she was coming forth to the curtain, in coming into the hall, someone let fall a light which rolled towards the curtain, to which it would have quickly set fire if she had not sprang forward and drawn back the curtain, while someone inside quickly extinguished the flame. One cannot be too careful in handling lights.

The concert deserved more patronage than it got, as it was well worth listening to, and also being for a good cause, viz., to help the funds of the church.

Thanks are due the ladies for their thoughtfulness towards the press representative. ((The above contains several historically interesting things: The young lady from Wpg., coming so far for a short visit in the scruffy little town, and then giving so freely of her talents, to earn glowing encomiums from the rhapsodizing reporter; the very high esteem in which the singing of John McLaren was held (being called upon at almost every social event); and a remark or two about "Miss Murdin" whose talents were at this time coming to the fore. She'll be known to some readers of today as the late Mrs. Peter Williams, and mother of Ethel (Mrs. A. Ritchie); Bill; Una (Mrs. J. Jones) Nell (Mrs. Thos. Payne); and Elsie (Mrs. Herb. Buchanan). Mrs. Payne, who lives in Florida, survives the rest, Elsie having past away most unexpectedly last fall, age 79)).

THE RIEL REBELLION

(Free Press)

The reported interview between Riel and Rev. Mr. Pitblado has caused much surprise in Ottawa. It will alienate the sympathy of the French Canadians if it is true, though a good many don't believe it. Col. Irvine will likely have to give an account to the govt. for his inaction during the rebellion. Inspector Peters reports Fort Pitt to have been burned. Policeman Cowan's body was found there horribly mutilated, the heart being cut out & impaled on a pole next the body. Inspector Peters was also at Frog Lake where they discovered the bodies of people massacred there by Big Bear's Indians. A body, supposed to be that of Mrs. Gowanlock, was found in a well. Both legs were severed near the thigh, and the arms above the elbows. The bodies of Father Marchand & Father Fefard were found in the cellar of a burned house, much charred. They were recognized by the beads found in their pockets, and their gowns, which were not altogether destroyed. The remains of Delaney, Quinn and Gilchrist were found in the woods nearby. The following

from headquarters is published for general information, "Battleford, May 28, 1885: It being the intention of the govt. to organize a force to remain on duty in the Northwest for a short time after the suppression of the present trouble, officers & commissioned officers and men, desirous of volunteering for such service will at once send in their names thro' their commanding officers to the Adjutant-General of the field force." A good many have volunteered, but the number required is not known yet.

Dumont succeeded in crossing the line but was captured & held by U.S. troops, subject to orders from Washington, when General R. C. Drume sent the following telegram to Gen. Schofield, "May 29: Replying to your telegram of this date reporting the arrest of Gabriel Dumont & Richard Dumas, Canadian insurgents who belonged to Riel's surrectionary force, the Secretary of War instructs me to say that the military forces have no authority, to arrest or detain them. They must therefore be released from 'military arrest.' General Strange, who has been after Big Bear, at last found him, entrenched in a strong position, from which he was unable to dislodge him on account of the inferiority of his own force. Strange had one killed and two wounded. Gen. Middleton has gone to aid him with 500 more men. The wounded at Saskatoon are doing well. Laidlaw is convalescent; Hellewell and Barton are pronounced out of danger; Daley's hand is still troublesome. The rebel prisoners are under treatment. One of them was one of Riel's councillors and had his leg amputated. Doucet, Clark and Mason are improving.

The steamers Northwest, Alberta and Marquis, with troops, left Sun. to reinforce Gen. Strange. Col. Herchmer, with 60 police, left by the south trail. General Middleton and Col. Straubenzie and staff are on the Northwest. They expect the force to land on the side of the Indians' position, and with Gen. Strange, to surround them. The 65th display gallantry under fire and clamored for a charge. Two important half-breed prisoners were secured. Gen. Strange does not appear to give satisfaction. It is said that he is not of the same mind for half-an-hour at a time. The Indian Department has been badly managed. A Prince Albert settler, in giving his ideas about the causes of the rebellion, blames the govt., especially Dewdney. A \$5,000 monument is to be erected in Wpg. in memory of those who have been killed in the rebellion. The transport service is disorganized on account of the teamsters' pay being reduced. Capt. Herbert Swinford, who was appointed chief commissary officer for the troops by Gen. Middleton, has received praise for the efficient way in which he has discharged his duties.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 5th, 1885

Mr. E. Kirkland, of Merrickville, Ont., was in town this wk.

Mr. Hawkins' boy is pretty bad with erysipelas in both legs.

Mr. Beck is fencing Mr. Doherty's quarter section with wire.

Mr. Gifford, Meaford, has been seeing what he could do in the salt line here this week.

The engineers of the M. & N.W.

have been laying out the grounds at the station here this week.

A covered wagon, with stock behind, was wending its way toward the setting sun Tuesday last.

The Scotch game of quoits is all the rage around town. Horse-shoes are up accordingly.

Mr. Donald McLean has fenced the ¼-section of Mr. Campbell with oak posts and wire.

Messrs. Willisroft and Gray

((Editorial)) . . .

We hope the meeting which is to be held between the town and county officials will be productive of good to both parties. The town's present straightened condition is owing to the boom, which sent up prices of real estate so ridiculously high that our share of the railway debentures was made a fourth. When we find we have come to hard pan now, we see that it is utterly impossible to pay such a rate. A sixteenth rate would be about it, it is supposed. No doubt this will be hard on the county. But how are the railway debentures to be got rid of? If only the man, or the men, who got us into such a nice fix were made to pay the piper, it would be just. We do not believe in bonuses. The rly. Co. we have is not to be compared with the first one, which brought us under such heavy obligations, for, to quote a stock phrase, "it was only a fraud, a delusion and a snare." If the people and the rly. Co. would set their faces against bonuses, it would be the means of filling up the county quicker, as people look at taxes as much as at land. If a rly. cannot be built thro' a section of county without costing the people a couple of generations of taxes, from running recklessly into debt, even though it be for laudable objects, for "it's not all gold that glitters." — We have not been able to do anything more than draw attention to what is the burning question of the hour. If it sets people a-thinking, perhaps something may be devised which will tend to help us out of our difficulty. ((This last sentence perhaps indicates that Editor Moodie saw the helplessness of the town in its inextricable situation regarding the debt - and that a financial disaster could not be avoided. Perhaps he was reluctant to state the truth - truth that could not help, and would only hasten the troubles he saw so close ahead)).

((Editorial))

((Seemingly Editor Moodie was on his high horse over the efforts of John A. MacDonlad (& the Conservatives of the day) endeavouring to pass a bill giving Indians "the vote." A cartoon he seen in the Toronto Daily News of an Indian, in drabby dress and with a bewildered look, etc., anxious, but wondering how he can serve his master and be favored with all the expected "goodies" that will follow, serves Mr. Moodie well for a long editorial. In the "Locals" he inserts the following item)): Our Indian braves were strutting around town this week in brave attire, evidently airing it to see how it will over-awe and swamp the Gritty vote when their Ottawa Chief passes his ennobling (to the savage) franchise bill.

We hear that Mr. Geo. Alcock is going to leave us to go back to the old homestead, his father having lately died and left it to him. He will be missed both on account of his musical talents, which he was ever willing to place at the disposal of any good cause; and also for being a quiet, good citizen. ((Whether or not Mr. Alcock left on this occasion we do not know, but he was here in the early "Glory Years" and did finally sell his farm and move to the State of Washington in 1907. The farm was the se ¼ of sec. 32, rge. 11, the farm bldgs. being about ¼ of a mile east along Dennis St. It is of some interest to note that the first brick manufactured in Gladstone was on this farm in the year of 1884)).

We see Mr. Arnold Williams has fenced the place which he bought from Mr. J. Davidson, with wire; also across from him, on the other side of the track, Mr. J. Davidson has enclosed his old field with wire, and which looks more refreshing to the eye from "its carpet of living green" again appearing on its surface, and which we hope will give him manifold returns. The road between the rly. and Mr. Arnold Williams' fence won't be very safe for a frisky team if met by a train. But it will be likely shut up. The crops of Messrs. Williams, Paul and Waters give good promise. ("A.G.'s" land is the same distance west on Dennis as Alcock's east)).

We had a rather sharp frost on Mon. morning which destroyed garden stuff that wasn't covered.

We hear that R. T. Riley has bought the E½ of lot 7, blk. 61, on Dennis, Broadfoot estate. ((Mr. Riley represented Senator Sanford in the marsh-draining project. The lot mentioned would be where Mac's Auto Supply is now located, a picture of which appears in Chapter '04 of "The Glory Years")).

The case of Boyce vs. Small, for setting fire to the prairie & so causing loss to the plaintiff, was tried before Messrs. Cory and P. McGregor, J.P.'s, when proof of doing so not being brought forward, the case was dismissed as not being sustained.

The Town Council met as a Court of Revision last Sat. in Andrews' Hall when the assessor's roll was gone over and appeals heard, in all about 12 cases. Outlying vacant town lots were lowered and in one or two cases, farm property revised. After which a resolution was passed to the effect that Council request the Central Judicial District board to sell lands in arrears of taxes. Also a committee was appointed to meet with the rural council on rly. bonus matters.

Arden: Mr. Clubb completed Roseridge schoolhouse last week to the entire satisfaction of all

parties concerned. — Our town, though small yet, is increasing and is now in a flourishing condition, and has every prospect of becoming a place of no little importance some time in the near future.

THE RIEL REBELLION

(Free Press)

Gen. Middleton and staff rode to Gen. Strange's position, 9 m. north-east of the river, over the scene of the late engagement & found that the Indians' position had been strongly entrenched. Major Steele, with 80 mounted men started on Big Bear's trail this morning. The Indians appear to have broken up considerably. The trails seem to be going in different directions, but the main body is still with the Chief. Major Steele's job is to head them off and force a stand. Gen. Middleton's mounted men, about 200, followed after. Fort Pitt is to be made the base of supplies.

The correct list of prisoners is: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dufresne, Francis Dufresne and wife, and Wm. Cameron. They say the McLeans, Mrs. Delaney, Mrs. Gowanlock and Mrs. Mann are with Big Bear, and are being well treated. Dufresne has offered to go into the Indian camp with a message from Middleton. It is likely the offer will be taken advantage of. Cameron has deposed as to the names of the Indians who committed the atrocities at Frog Lake. He also corroborates the statement that the prisoners now with Big Bear have not been ill-treated. Those taken at Frog Lake were saved by the efforts of the local Indians, some of Big Bears followers being determined to kill them.

The wounded are doing well, the steamer taking them down to the hospital at Battleford.

Major Steele again came up with Big Bear in the vicinity of Twin Lakes, but was too few in numbers to attack him, so he tried strategy by sending an interpreter to parley with them, but the Indians fired on him. McKay shouted to the Chief, offering to stop hostilities if the prisoners were liberated, but the answer could not be distinctly heard and the firing went on. By a flank movement the Indians were driven across a coulee, where they obtained so strong a position that Steele did not venture to follow. Three men of Steele's force were wounded, namely Sgt. Fury, of the police, in the breast, Wm. West, a scout, in the knee, and J. Fiske, of the Mounted Rifles in the arm. Major Hughes, with 150 men from the 90th, the Grenadiers & the Midland battalion, went to help Gen. Strange, who is camped at Little Red Deer River. Strange's full force will probably proceed to Onion Lake to head off any southward movement, of the Indians.

Mrs. Delaney and Mrs. Gowanlock were brought in on the 7th inst. by a party of Scouts. They escaped from Big Bear with some half-bred families, who had all along protected them from the Indians. Big Bear's entire outfit was traveling rapidly and left those people some distance behind. They turned their horses into another trail and escaped. They travelled towards Turtle Lake and were surprised by a party of our men, who followed and came up with them, thinking they were Indians. Both ladies showed the effects of hardships endured, but are likely to be quite themselves in a few days. They say that a half-breed named Pritchard had been the means of saving them from any cruelties by the Indians, and they have been well treated. They were travelling about with the Indians, but otherwise not forced to labor. Mrs. Gowanlock says Augustus Nolan the half-breed prisoner at Duck Lake, gave his horses to save the ladies from the Indians.

It has been decided to follow the Indians with mounted men only, consequently the foot soldiers have returned.

McLean's family and other prisoners are still with Big Bear.

Another Gatling gun has been sent to pursue the columns. Nine days provisions were also taken.

Following is a copy of the despatch received by Lieut.-Governor Aikens on Sat. evening: "Camp, 6 m. below Pitt, via Battleford, June 6: Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Quinney, Mrs. Cameron & two half-breeds, who have been prisoners with Big Bear, thro' the assistance of a friendly Indian, escaped, and are now in Gen. Strange's camp, 12 miles from here, from which I have just come. You will be delighted to hear that Mr. Quinn informs me that none of the women have been subjected to any indignity of any sort or kind. Gen. Strange has come in contact with Big Bear, who was in a very strong position, and after a slight engagement, to which Strange had 3 men wounded only, finding the country impossible, they withdrew a few miles and camped. Yesterday on my way to Fort Pitt I received information from Gen. Strange that Big Bear's band had broken up, virtually in two parties, and as he has still the McLeans and other prisoners, I am going to follow both trails with my mounted men, & hope to catch them yet. — Fred. Middleton."

Gen. Middleton has been having a confab with Poundmaker and other Indian chiefs in regard to the part they took in the rebellion.

Gen. Strange's column is making forced marches after Big Bear. The Prince Albert police are ordered to Green Lake to cut off Big Bear in that direction.

Dumont has been interviewed

at Benton and says it was the want of ammunition which compelled him to leave Batoche to the volunteers.

It has been arranged to send troops from four points to secure the Indians. The mounted men, 300 in number, continue north direct to Beaver River. The Midland battalion goes to Frog Lake to join Gen. Strange temporarily, and to march from there to Beaver Creek, and to points n.w. of this. They then march along the south side of the river east to be met by Gen. Middleton and the mounted men. Col. Otter goes north from Battleford to Turtle Lake. It will then be difficult for the Indians to escape. Beaver River is about 50 miles north of Fort Pitt. The country is densely wooded, and is exceedingly difficult for transport.

There is no truth in the statement that Gen. Middleton's hip was dislocated by a fall from his horse.

MORE LOCALS

Sign the petition against the exemption act.

Messrs. Ross and Grant, we hear, have got a contract also to build some of the line.

A special went up Wed. morning with some fine logs for building purposes.

Lost on the 3d inst. a gentleman's silk umbrella. The finder will please leave it at the Age office.

Gladstone had quite a round of gaieties last week. Keep the ball a-rolling or the bell a-tolling.

The acknowledgement of the Gladstone contributions to the wounded has been received. Will be published next week, as it was too late for this.

We see some carpentering work is being done to the fronts of some of the lots, which will wonderfully improve them. Master Geo. Clubb has a fine imitation of lattice work, done by laths.

A meeting of the ratepayers will be held on Tuesday, the 16th, inst., between twelve & 1 o'clock in Andrews' Hall for the purpose of electing a councillor in room of Mr. Peter Ferguson; also a meeting in the schoolhouse, same day, at 10 a.m., for the election of a trustee in room of Mr. Peter Ferguson.

Our enterprising hardware merchant, Mr. Doherty, has got a new kind of refrigerator on show; well worthy the attention of those who wish to preserve milk or meat, sweet or fresh, and free from dust or flies in the hot weather.

Some of the parties who contracted for breaking part of the quarter section above Broadfoots mill, have made a start.

Breaking is going ahead now, some having as much as 15 acres turned over already.

The crops are doing well under the most favorably weather that we have had these number of yrs. back. In some places it completely hides the ground. From the appearance of the crops now we anticipate an early harvest - that is to say, if all goes well. The county needs two or three good crops to draw the people of other climes to cast in their lot with us, as it has been hurt by frosts caused by late cold springs which kept crops back from being harvested in our usual time, also from speculative millers or grain buyers desirous of turning an honest penny into a dishonest half-dozen.

GOLDEN STREAM

To The Editor,
Of The
Gladstone Age.

Following is the report of Golden Stream school for the month of May:

Class 4: Gertrude McConnell and Margie McConnell (equal); Effie McCaskill.

Class 3: Ida McConnell; Alfred Clayton; Phoebe Ross.

Class 2: Ruth McConnell; Ida McConnell; Willie Clayton; Willie Lloyd.

Class 1: Willie Newman.
Katie Menzies, teacher.
Golden Stream, June 4, 1885.

ARDEN

The court of revision met here the end of last month, disposing of their docket to the satisfaction of all applicants referring to that line of business, after which Mr. D. Colville and Mr. McMillan were appointed pathmasters in place of Mr. A. Graham and Mr. M. Ritchie, respectively, those two having gone west to take part in the lively action against the Indians.

In your last correspondence from Roseridge I noticed the unmerited praise of their ridges, which statement I would like to contradict, as the ridges referred to are not any too good for pleasure driving, on account of their being rather inclined to be rough, which necessitates too strong a vehicle for despatch & consolation, and they extend toward the north into the cold regions, but not far enough south to receive the full benefit of the breezes of the tropics; and also that the boy that said so ought to be fleeced or banished from the country by means of a St. Patrick's exterminator.

The farmers in this district have done all their tilling and are now engaged either at fencing or breaking.

The Council of Lansdowne has decided to have a road cut and graded east of here for the benefit of our north-eastern neighbors.



Cameron House Fire of June 1885 Takes Lives of Three Kiddies

The day, and even the hour, of the destruction of the above building is known, but not of its construction. However, in all likelihood it can be put as no later than 1879, but possibly a year, maybe even two, earlier. An advt. in the "Gladstone News" of April 7th. 1880, gives its name as the "Gladstone House" and Cameron & Co. as the proprietors. The bits of information contained therein state that: "it is now open," "Good Stabling," "Every Attention paid to the wants of guests," "Charges Moderate." David Cameron also operated the stage coach to and from Rapid City, a service that he advertised in the same paper, which indicates it was started some five months earlier, probably in connection with his "stopping place" here. "On and after Nov. 5th, a stage will leave Palestine every Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock, for the Little Saskatchewan, arriving at Rapid City on Thursday evenings: returning Saturday mornings and arriving at Palestine Sunday evenings. — Through tickets from Gladstone to Rapid City, \$5.00." (Note the interchange of names, "Palestine P.O." having officially changed to "Gladstone" midway through that year). — It is also of interest to add that two other boys of the Cameron family, Alex. and Will, became wealthy and known world-wide through invention, manufacture and distribution of surgical instruments. Alex Cameron remained a subscriber to the "Age" all down the years and as recently as April 16, 1969, forwarded a long letter containing considerable historical information. In this letter he notes there were 9 boys and 2 girls in the family, but whether this includes little James and George lost in the fire, is not known. The location of the above building was on the intersection of Morris and Dennis St., on the lots now occupied by the Post Office building and parking lot. A portion of the John Mason house to the east along Dennis, can be seen. It would be about where the Credit Union is now. See the Revere House lamp at extreme right, indicating picture was taken in 1881 or later.

FRI., JUNE 19th, 1885

It has been uphill work to get our sheet out this week, imperfect as it is, on account of the fire and the loss of life in it. We had to close up abruptly our leading remarks and have not been able to think to purpose since the fire happened.

((Editorial)) . . .

The scathing that Gladstone got by the fire this week should be the means of wakening us up to see if nothing can be devised in the shape of getting some appliance to prevent the spread of fire, and also a fire brigade to use it.

We have got plenty good material from which we could make a fire brigade, who would be willing, we are sure, to undergo the necessary training to make themselves efficient.

The trouble is, about the apparatus. We believe there were some enquiries made some time ago as to the probable cost for the equipment of a hook & ladder company. We think it would be advisable for the Mayor to call a public meeting while the present feeling of sorrow is upon us for the loss of the three little ones who perished in the flames, as also compassion for the bereaved parents in their terrible affliction, to see if we can't get some kind of fire apparatus. We are near the river, so that we can't complain of want of water. If we had just an engine to pump it up - and lots of hose. Let us have a meeting and see what can be done. We don't know whose turn it may be next.

((Editorial)) . . .

It is to be hoped that the troops will so worry Big Bear that he will be glad to give himself up for peace sake. He and his band have committed too many atrocities to be leniently dealt with. If it were not for the prisoners he has with him, the troops might let him go in the meantime, as starvation will ultimately cause him to surrender. The rescued prisoners testify to their being saved from indignities by friendly half-breeds and Indians. We hope the ones he has yet with him have only their captivity and attendant hardships to mourn over.

Virtually, we may say, the trouble is over, and now wise measures and faith-keeping men are needed to sooth and alleviate the soreness which this unhappy civil war has now caused. The suppression of the rebellion has been a credit to Canada's citizen soldiers. We do not know what is in us until the occasion draws it out.

We wish the govt. had shown the same promptness in allaying the irritating causes which led to the rebellion, and so saved the sacrificing of so many young

and useful lives. Canada is evidently cursed with too much land, or too many land-sharks rather, to be productive to her. Surely the pioneers of a country deserve consideration at the hands of a govt., for, if it were not for them, where would the necessity of a govt. be. Rulers should stick to what they say. If they wanted settlers, why didn't they give them their titles when they had earned them, instead of keeping them in a state of uncertainty for years? If it was thro' carelessness of the underlings that these things were so, where was the chief that he did not bring them to book? He is a poor businessman who leaves his business to take care of itself, or to servants. The successful man looks narrowly thro' all its details.

The head of the govt. placed a Lieut.-Gov. in the Northwest to look after its affairs. Did he do so? Were there mutterings of discontent? Were the Indians being faithfully dealt with? Was Riel known by him to be in the country, and his object? Did he report these things, as well as draw his salary from Ottawa? He must have known what was transpiring in the country. If not, he was unfit for the position he was placed in, and should have been dismissed.

THE RIEL REBELLION (Free Press)

Big Bear is heading for Beaver River and Major Steele following hard after him. He is being gradually surrounded. The Chippewayans have been notified that if they do not surrender a general advance will be made & their houses burned. Three hundred File Indians have left their reserv., and are moving to join Pasquash's band. The 91st has left to intercept him. Mr. Ross, the Hudson's Bay officer at Isle a la Crosse, being alarmed by the Indians attack on Green Lake, left his post, and with his boats, goods and furs, left for English River, where he is encamped. Property is being recovered from the rebel half-breeds & Indians. Capt. Clark arrived in Wpg. last Monday. Members of the St. Andrews' Society met him at the depot.

(From the Front): "Hospital, Saskatoon, 2nd of June, 1885: Dear Sir: Yours of the 12th ult. to hand yesterday, advising dispatch of eggs, etc. for the wounded here. Unfortunately up to the present the good things so kindly provided by the patriotic spirit of the ladies of Gladstone have not yet come to hand. I need not assure you that in anticipation we proffer our heartfelt thanks for such kindness. Our wounds feel all the easier for the sympathy extended us. We only tried to do our duty.—Yours truly, Wm. Clark, Capt. "F" Company, 90th battalion. To John Chambers, esq., Gladstone.

(Later Telegram): June 3rd, Saskatoon, N.W.T., To J. Chambers, Gladstone: Contribution for wounded received per Capt. Clark. Please accept our sincere thanks. All doing well. — J. Bell, Sgt. in charge.

LOCALS

Our mayor has cleared out his entire stock.

We do not hear anything of our baseball club being started as yet.

We see lots of extra hands at the track on account of ballasting it.

The Messrs. Morrison, of Woodside, went up to their cattle ranch near Dauphin, the end of last week.

At the sale on Tues. Mr. D. Cameron bought his team in for \$206, while his pony was bought by Mr. E. E. Best for \$60.

At the meeting held Tuesday for the election of a town councillor in place of Mr. Peter Ferguson, Mr. A. Paul was elected.

We had a travelling jeweller in our midst towards the end of last week.

There are eleven teams busy at work breaking on the quarter section above Broadfoot's mill. No better advt. can be had for the county than breaking up its fallow ground.

Neepawa has organized a cricket club and is "spilling" for a fight, as she has challenged the Gladstone boys to a scratch match on the first of July.

We had a visit from Mr. John Edwards, of Dauphin, this week. He says the road has been cut up so badly, where it admits of only one team, that it is hardly passable. He says the bears & deer are very plentiful there. That's the place for our batchelor friends to go if the latter are so plentiful.

We are highly pleased to see the tangible manner in which the citizens of Gladstone and vicinity are manifesting their sympathy with Mr. David Cameron in the heavy pecuniary loss he has sustained. Any friends who have not yet contributed may do so by sending in whatever amounts they feel able, to Rev. D. Stalker.

Mr. Sanford, of Hamilton, Ontario, came to Gladstone by Wednesday's train, intending to go down the river by boat to see the ditching being done by Mr. Dan Ferguson, but he had to forego the trip owing to the boat leaking too much. He says he intends expending \$5,000.00 on ditching this year.

Birth: At Gladstone, on the 17th inst., the wife of J. L. Logie, of a daughter.

Deaths: At Gladstone, on the 17th inst., Isabella, aged 2 yrs., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Logie, by fire. — At Gladstone, on the 17 inst., James & George, aged 3 and 4 yrs., sons of Mr. & Mrs. David Cameron, by fire.

GLADSTONE SCORCHED BY FIRE

Three Children Burned To Death

Last Wed. between 12 and 1 in the day fire broke out in the house of Mr. D. Cameron, which it quickly consumed, then attacked Mr. J. Mason's, also consuming it and quite a lot of cordwood and sidewalk. It set on fire Mr. Doherty's old tin shop, but being noticed in time was put out. The burning papers and embers were carried across the track by the high wind, threatening Mr. Galloway's house at one time. We were told that parts of burning books and embers were carried away beyond the river quite a distance. If the wind had been from the opposite direction, and as high, it might have swept a good part of the town, if not all, out of existence.

Nothing was saved out of Mr. Cameron's house, for it must have been smoldering quite awhile before being noticed, as, when parties tried to burst in the windows to get in, they were met by such a volume of thick smoke from the burning tarpaper as compelled them to give way. Mr. McLean had a narrow escape, as he had to get on to the roof of the lean-to over the bar, his escape being cut off from getting down stairs, when he had a ladder shoved up to him by Mr. Mason, who was near being scorched by the flames which were coming out of the eaves, and which Mr. McLean could not have got past without the ladder.

From the number of rooms upstairs, as well as the uncertainty of the children's whereabouts, Mr. Burr, who had tried his best to get to them, could not find them. Their charred remains were found late on Wed. night in the back part of the house. We are very certain that the smoke suffocated them before their little bodies felt the effects of the fire.

The heartfelt sympathy of the whole place, we can assure the parents, is extended to them in this their terrible calamity. Two of the children belonged to Mr. Cameron, their ages being two & four; the other one, a girl, two years old, belonged to Mr. Logie. What makes it more painful on Mrs. Logie is that she was delivered of a daughter two or three hours before the fire. It must go hard with her. Mrs. Cameron must feel the loss of her two little boys as well.

Mr. Cameron's hired man, as also Mr. W. Rintoul, who boarded there lost everything but what

they had on their backs. Their money, which was in trunks, was also burnt.

Mr. McAlpine only got a sewing machine and cradle out before he had to quit for the heat. We do not think it took fifteen minutes from the time the fire burst out till the whole building was consumed. It went like a piece of pasteboard.

Mr. Cameron was at Woodside and had to be sent for.

Mr. Mason saved a good deal of his effects, though a lot was damaged. He had plenty of willing hands, who did all they could both to help him and to save the fire from spreading, by pitching back the wood lying in close proximity to it. It was a fierce heat, being felt quite a piece away. The registry papers are all in the safe which Mr. Mason has not been able to unlock as yet, the combination being out of gear on account of the scorching it has got. He expects soon to get it open.

The burial service was held in the church, which was well filled, the Revs. Jephcott, Kinley and Stalker taking part. The remains were buried Thursday afternoon in Gladstone burying ground.

The funeral was largely attended both by town and country.

We were told that the engine driver seeing the fire from Woodside, thinking it was the station building at Gladstone, put on full head of steam. People in McGregor and the surroundings, saw the smoke, wondering what it was.

Mr. Cameron has lost probably \$1200, as all his bedding, furniture, sleighs, buggy, etc., have been burned; with no insurance on them.

FRI., JUNE 26th, 1885

((Editor Moodie states that it has been a fine season for breaking, and extols the virtue of planting grain on weed-free virgin soil; also states that crops are a month in advance of 1884's and most of them looking excellent)).

Remember the picnic, Dominion Day, in Davidson's grove. All invited. Come and have a good time. Dinner between 12 and 1.

Mr. Foster lost a horse last Sat. This is the 4th, and a colt, that he has lost within this 12-month. Very hard luck.

Mrs. Cameron went down last Sat. to the Portage with Mrs. Collins, of that place, to see if the change will take her mind somewhat off her sore loss.

Mr. J. Mason, registrar, got the safe open last Sat. The books, etc., were all right, but the safe won't be fit for anything again in that line, as it had got too big a scorching.

A picnic is to held at Richmond on Mon., July 3rd; also at Tupper the same day.

Our old friend, Mr. F. Lockhart, was paying Gladstone a visit this week.

Messrs. Wilson and Shaw have got back from the front. They must have fared well, as they are looking well.

A grand picnic of the day-scholars and Sunday School scholars and friends of Palestine school district, will be held on Dominion Day in a grove on Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Grantham's farm.

We hear the ladies of Gladstone and surroundings are obeying the injunctions of the Master, "Be ye kind to one another," in trying to make up some of what Mrs. Cameron has been bereft by the fire.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Cameron has lost one of his cows. It was taken out to his father-in-laws ((Sebastians)) and not being accustomed to be tied, the rope hurt its horns, so causing it to throw itself to get rid of it, when it broke its neck. "Misfortunes never come singly," proves true in this case.

This week we had the pleasure of being shown over Mr. Galloway's garden by his lady, and were astonished at the forwardness of everything in it. It is a cozy nook and has not been bitten by frost. The potatoes are far ahead of anything we have seen, while the peas are two feet high, and pods formed on them. It is well attended & kept very clean. The things grown in it are too numerous to mention. Being near the river there should be no difficulty in keeping it moist, though the mosquitoes may be apt to make it hot for the moisture. It's the first time we have noticed the house and its surroundings, and could not but admire its pretty setting. Naturally, our mind reverted to the ideas which the poet expresses so happily in the lines, "By shady groves and gliding streams," in recognition of nature's handiwork. ((Crescent Lodge now occupies this sylvan acreage, but the river no longer flows around to form "the island". Readers of the "Glory Years" will have noticed where Editor Minaker, some 25 years later, was given the same privilege and pleasure by the same very gracious lady)).

Happening to give a look-in at Mrs. Broadfoot's the other night, Mr. Peter took us up to the top of the house to enjoy a moonlit view of the surroundings, and get a cool breeze. We have been up before but never appeared to realize its height till then, nor the grand panorama that is spread out before one's view. We might enlarge & say what a delectable spot it is so well adapted for, but will refrain. We noticed that the house and grounds are enclosed by a wire fence, and that the latter are being tastefully laid out.

THE RIEL REBELLION (Free Press)

Big Bear is still at large. It is said that his prisoners have escaped. In the event of it being true, the pursuit of Big Bear is to be given up and the troops stationed so as to starve him into submission. Big Bear's prisoners have come in to Gen. Middleton's camp. They said their treatment was bad, but might have been worse. The troops will soon come home, but a permanent force will have to be established in the Territories. The wounded at Saskatoon are doing well. The troops made an 80 mile tramp without a murmur, the Montreal battalion behaving splendidly. Gen. Middleton gave the Wood Crees the alternative of surrendering or being hunted down. Big Bear is reported to be at Pelican Lake. The dead are being brought in from Clarke's Crossing.

It is thought that Gen. Middleton will be in Wpg. soon, as well as the troops.

The Quebecers are trying hard to get Riel off, either on the plea of insanity or being an American citizen. Jeddart justice would suit him better, we think.

To The Editor,
Of The
Gladstone Age.

(POETRY: Lines on the death of Isabelle Logie; James and George Cameron).

Gone before the world's temptations,

Its sorrows and its strife;
Gone from the toils & trials,
That make a way of life;
Gone from these earthly roads,
To Heaven's shining track —
The loved ones who have left us,
Oh, Would ye call them back?

Gone from our tender keeping,
Which yet was all in vain;
Gone from our fond affection,
Which could not spare them pain;

Gone from their friends so loving
To One who loved them more;
Why mourn when they are happy
Upon the spirit's shore?

Though our hearts are aching,
And though our tears fall;
We would not in our weakness,
Our loved and lost recall.
We leave them with our Father,
Whose goodness we adore;
And pray that we might meet
Where we shall part no more.
— Anon.

Mr. Budge brought into Gallo-way Bros. store, the first of the week, a stalk of rhubarb which weighed 1¼ lbs. We want to hear from some of you gardeners if you can beat that.

Mrs. Dave Rintoul has a duck which laid a double-yoke egg, weighing 4 ounces.

MARRIED

On the 22nd inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Joshua Ritchey; by the Rev. D. Stalker, B.A., Mr. Thomas Dickson Bell, of Burnside, to Miss Ellen Ritchey, of Roseridge.

On the 24th inst., by the Rev. D. Stalker, B.A., at the Manse, Gladstone, Mr. William James Currie, of Lansdowne, to Miss Alice Mosley, of Neepawa.

FRI., JULY 3rd, 1885

((Editorial)) . . .

The deputation from the town council to the county municipality anent railway indebtedness, if it did not accomplish anything broke the ice anyway. The motion which was passed in the county council was true, but the object of the town was to see if the county had any proposition to make, or to meet them so as to lay down a mutual basis before going before the legislature. In fact, this will have to be done before the house can legislate upon the matter. Now is the time to meet and confer with each other.

Would it not be advisable for the town to approach the govt. at once and see if they can't aid them until legislation is got? There is a difficulty in collecting taxes, and the exemption act makes it harder still, and money is wanted very badly.

LOCALS

Glad. School holidays started this week.

Marriage bells will soon be tolling.

We are glad to learn that Mr. S. T. Wilson is on the mend. He has had some sore pain to bear. We are credibly informed that lead poisoning is the cause of his illness.

Mr. Small has a pony which is good at dumping off its riders. It has thrown two within a week of each other, though the parties were not seriously hurt.

A couple of young horses took possession of a backhouse the other night in their endeavour to get rid of their persistent enemy, the mosquito. The boys had quite a job to get them out.

The bus-team took a run on their own account last Fri. from the station. They were startled by the whistle of the locomotive and put in a 2.15 gait till they were stopped at the postoffice by Mr. Davidson. No damage.

There will a slaughter of the Innercents some of these nights if people don't try and keep their horses and cattle 'round their own smudges, instead of trying to break down buildings in their mad careening about to get rid of the flies.

We hear that Messrs. Morri-

son, of Westbourne, are thinking of starting a cattle ranch, on a big scale, up near Phillips' ranch. That part of the county is well adapted to grazing. It should pay the investors well.

DOMINION DAY "Gladstone Picnic"

The Sons of Temperance and Day School pupils, held a picnic in Davidson's grove. Dinner was served from 1 to 3 which was enjoyed to the full by the various participants. The ladies & committee deserve all praise for the spread, they made.

The company wasn't as large as last year, owing, we suppose, to the Palestine school picnic being so near. However, there was no amount of fun and frolic going on. The children and ladies had a good time with the swings. Billy Martin, as well. Croquet came in for its share of patronage. The choir, which had been practicing for the occasion, rendered some fine music, Miss Murdin presiding at the organ. Mrs. Best also played for the singing of the children. There was a want of games, but every one appeared happy.

"Palestine School Picnic"

This picnic came off in a bluff south of Mr. Geo. Grantham's which had been well trimmed for the occasion by the scholars, and was largely attended, scarcely a family of the district not being fairly & fully represented, while quite a number of outsiders availed themselves of the opportunity of putting in a good day's enjoyment.

The ladies deserve special encomiums for the excellent spread, the tables fairly groaning under the weight of the tempting viands they had provided, which, notwithstanding they were done full justice to, still remained in pretty large force, a monument to their providence.

The first thing on the programme of sports was a baseball match between Palestine and Gladstone schools. Through some misunderstanding, the Palestine team was not aware of the visit from the Gladstone boys till they drove onto the grounds, & some of their number not being early enough, their places were taken by bigger fellows which considerably over-matched the Gladstone schoolers. An evener match is expected to be played in Gladstone on Sat., the 11th of July, which is the date of the return match.

Afterwards a very exciting match was played between the married & single men, in which the young fellows were taught the lesson of how great a help a wife must be to a man even in the small matter of a game of baseball, seeing that the married men could wax them to the tune of 12 to 4.

The swings were largely pat-

ronized and afforded great enjoyment, no doubt to the swingers, as they did amusement to the onlookers, no unusual thing to see grey-haired fathers carolling thro' the air with little girls beside them. Other games and social intercourse filled in pleasantly & profitably the hours till the descending sun warned them of the time for hieing on homeward, which each party did, well pleased with the success attending the first picnic in the township.

The young folk wound up the enjoyment with a dance at Mr. Bradley's.

FRI., JULY 10th, 1885

((Fred Copf, of Richmond (Plumas), writes regarding the ills of taxation, & ends a long letter with this pungent paragraph)): "The county official gun has too many charges in it (railway tax, school tax, judicial tax, municipal tax, and Lord knows what), and as sure as it is fired off, it will kick, & that kick will mean that we must leave. The taxes of this county are too high."

GLADSTONE POST OFFICE

Mails for despatch are closed as follows: For Portage, at 11 a.m., Tues., Thurs. & Sat. For Richmond, Blake & Florenta, at 7 a.m. Sat. For Mekiwin, 3.30 p.m. Mon. & Wed. For Golden Stream, 3.30 p.m., Fri. — Mails arriving are due for delivery as follows: From Portage at 2.00 p.m., Mon., Wed. & Fri.; From Richmond, Blake & Florenta, at 7 p.m. Sat. From Mekiwin, 2:00 p.m. Mon. & Wed. From Golden Stream, Fri., 2 p.m. Office Hrs., from 8 a.m. till 7 p.m., Sunday excepted. — Money Order dept., hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Edwin Rose, Postmaster.

((Editorial)) . . .

Louis Riel has been indicted for treason at Regina. His trial takes place on the 20th inst. The indictment consists of six counts: embracing sedition, taking up arms, and causing and inciting others to do likewise, etc., etc. It's more than likely the trial will last quite a few days.

((Editorial)) . . .

The Northwest's troubles are getting an airing in the House of Commons at Ottawa, the odour not being of the most pleasant kind. They bring out the old story of greed and gain over-reaching themselves, in not being able to cover up their tortuous tracks & leaving "footsteps in the sands of time" to keep their memory ever green(?).

((Editorial)) . . .

We do not wish to "blow our own horn," though it might be as well to do so, as it could "be blowed" by no one better than ourselves. This, by way of our crop prospects this year. From

all the surrounding areas comes the same remarks, "crops looking splendid, and far ahead of last year." Let's hope that we will get back the good name which we used to have some yrs. ago, as this part was all taken up then either by speculating leeches or actual settlers. But things are shaping up just now as if our county were going to get back its old prestige. We would remind our farmers of the noble sentences of Robbie Burns: "Confide ye aye in providence, for providence is kind."

((Part of a long editorial)):—

The franchise bill has passed & Sir John may be congratulated on the admirable "touch" with which his followers closed up at his back. "A solid front they show," though one might querulously hint that it is rather a solid front, lacking individual opinions . . .

LOCALS

Berry pickers to the front.

The M. & N.W. is getting another engine.

Mr. Geo. Bruce has wheat out in head.

Five teams passed thro' Gladstone from the front this week.

We saw the 24th No. of the Daily Manitoban, an old friend with rather a nappier appearance than the one years ago.

Reeve West brought early this week into our office barley headed out, 4-ft. long, and wheat also headed out, 3 ft., 7 inches. How is that for Blake twp.

We hear that Mr. J. A. Best has painted the inside of the Methodist church. We hope the people will appreciate the act by contributing a bountiful collection.

We are sorry to record the death of Mr. Wm. McAdam, age 23, Blake, of consumption. To have seen the big, strong man two years ago, would almost incline one to doubt the reality. His widow feels her loss keenly.

Last Tuesday the mid-day air was disturbed by the firing of guns to announce that still another had joined the band of Benedicks. We believe Mr. A. G. Williams and his bride took a trip to Wpg. to enjoy the honeymoon. May health and happiness attend them. ((A rather interesting side-light to the Cameron House fire, is that Mr. Williams (when we interviewed him in the early 1940s), was able, from memory to give us the exact day and date. Noting our amazement he smiled at his wife and said, "Well, I guess I should remember; I had gone to Wpg. for my wedding suit, and as the train got near Woodside, on the return trip, we all noticed the big, black smoke hovering over Gladstone. The engineer was alarmed, too, for we made the last 7 miles in record time"))).

((From the Town Council notes)): The public works committee was to see that the approaches to C. Fahrni's bridge were fixed. — After a talk over the affairs of the town, it was moved and seconded by Messrs. McKelvy and Madill that a committee consisting of Mayor Claxton and Couns. Doherty, McKelvy & Madill, be appointed to draw up a memorial petitioning the local govt. to allow the town to go back again into the county, as it would be saving of expense, one municipality being sufficient to do all the business in connection with them both.

A son of Dr. Ferguson, of Wpg., brother of the one killed in the rebellion, was on a visit to Gladstone this week. He went down to the marsh to see his uncle, Mr. Dan Ferguson, who has the contract for Mr. Sanford's 5-mile ditch.

THE RIEL REBELLION (Free Press)

Big Bear and Council were arrested near Carlton by the police. Seven more were captured by Dennis' Surveyor Scouts near Telegraph Coulee. One of them was one of the murderers in the Frog Lake massacre. Col. Irvine captured 17 more of Big Bear's band.

Col. Arthur Williams, M.P., commander of the Midland battalion died on board the steamer Marquis, at Battleford, of fever, while on his homeward journey. It seems like this gallant officer had survived the dangers of the desperate charge at Batoche, & the fatigue of the subsequent marches, only to succumb to fever on his way home. His death has caused the deepest regret among members of the house at Ottawa where he was very popular.

Valiquette, a Sgt. of the 65th battalion was accidentally shot & killed coming down the river.

The steamer Alberta, with a barge in tow, passed Clarke's Crossing last Sat., enroute for Wpg. The following wounded were on the barge which had been fitted up with cots, etc., as a sort of floating hospital, by Capt. Tracy, of the 7th Fusiliers under the supervision of Dr. Roddick, chief surgeon of the hospital: Capt. Doucet, Lieuts. Gordon and Laidlaw, Cpt. Lethbridge, Ptes. Milson, Eager, Martin, Barton, Young, Dawker, Cantwell, Daly; Gnrs. Stout and Fairbanks; and Scouts Cook and Thompson were the patients and were accompanied by Dr. Bell & a corps of dressers and nurses. All were in high spirits and expressed joy at the prospects of getting home. They are doing well, and Milson, the only one whose case is in doubt, is believed to be very hopeful of recovery.

Two men of the 7th Fusiliers.

who have been on the sick list here for some time, were taken on board at Clarke's Crossing. They were expected to reach Wpg. in 10 days. Dr. Fraser, of the Fusiliers, left by the Alberta for home-leave having been granted this owing to pressure of private business. Dr. Niven, assistant surgeon of the latter battalion, arrived Wed. to relieve him. The Fusiliers have received their marching orders and will leave via Moose Jaw soon. A large quantity of supplies is still on the bank of the river awaiting transport.

A meeting of the volunteer officers in Montreal to decide upon the reception to be given to the returning volunteers, concluded that a picnic should be held on St. Helen's island. It is also intended to have a review soon after their return, after which they will be treated to a luncheon.

Louis Riel was formally handed over by the military authorities at Regina Monday last at 5 p.m. The Suspendiary Magistrate read the indictment consisting of 6 counts, to Riel, who was then remanded until the 20th instant, for trial. Only the escort, the officials and counsel for the crown were present. Riel looked healthy and quite self-possessed. He is charged with high treason.

FRI., JULY 17th, 1885

((Editorial)) . . .

The Gladstone Town Council, at their last meeting, requested their clerk to see if he could collect back taxes from some of the ratepayers (seeing there are quite a few still in that predicament) not because they are unwilling to pay, but because of the inflation price at which their property is valued; and boom times having recoiled to flat times (their taxes being ridiculously high) to pay a small bill of interest on debenture coupons. Failing which our mayor was delegated to see if the Judicial Board would not advance the amount, as they could recoup themselves when the lands' sale took place. But it could not be done, we were informed. ((The ever-narrowing moment of disaster for the town is to be seen in the above, and recent editorials. There is not even a trace of the "I told you so" attitude that Editor Moodie could have used, but plain reporting of what now looms as almost certain destruction & death of the town)).

LOCALS

Mr. Oliver McCrae has just got his new house finished. It is a frame dwelling, 18 x 22, a storey and a half high, with six rooms in it. The frame kitchen, which he had in town has been taken down to the farm and added on to the big house. He wants to give fire as little chance as possible, as he has put up three brick chimneys. The carpenter

work was done by Messrs. Willis-croft and Grey, and is well done. Mr. John McCrae did the plastering in good shape. We wish Mr. McCrae and partner many days of health and happiness to enjoy their new home.

We received the first number of the Virden "Advance" last week. Mr. Atkinson, of the Portage "Liberal" is the proprietor.

Wheat is being shipped though the price is not encouraging. Farmers have a hard time of it just now. What with the low prices for butter & eggs as well, it inclines one to wish they had no taxes to pay, instead of exorbitant ones they are saddled with.

Mr. Con. Bennett has started to haul his lumber for his new house from Mr. Clubb's yard.

Messrs. Galloway, Hembroff and McLaren took a trip down to the ditch Mr. Dan Ferguson is digging for Mr. W. E. Sanford, last Thursday night. They left Gladstone about 6 p.m., arriving at the old salt wells about 9, when it took them till 6 next morning to reach the camp. The buggy ride was enjoyable, but from the time they crossed the river and started to drive, each their own team, it was a continual wade, now up to the knees, anon up to the waist, and for a change, sometimes up to the neck. It was truly a wide waste of water. The ditch is pretty well cut out for the necessary distance, but only a part of its width, when the workers go back again to where they started, and take another cut, as they find it easier to do so than to take all the width as they go. The parties are not very sanguine that the one ditch will carry off such a quantity of water. It was a most fatiguing trip, wading for so many hours, thro' mud and water, even having to pile up sods along the ditch before they could rest for an hour or two. Messrs. Galloway & Hembroff got back Friday evening, leaving Mr. McLaren to join the ditching force. Mr. Ferguson has quite a squad of men, and the work is rushing along fast. They first cut the top, tear it off with hooks, when the water does the rest. From the time the men leave camp in the morning till they get back at night, they are wading thro' mud and water all the time.

We hear from a resident of town who was on a visit to McGregor twp. for the first time, that he was gratified at the progress made. In going up he could not help but notice the fine road they are getting thro' the twp. of Livingstone; also the large breaking of Messrs. Morton and Bennett. The crops are looking splendid. A field of oats at the old McGregor homestead especially coming in for praise, the garden at the same place particularly catching his eye. They have 24 cows and 24 calves, all looking well. They have upwards

of 50 pigs, big and little. They have also a finely sheltered place with grand water privilege, and excellent accommodation for their stock and horses. Altogether our informant was greatly surprised and pleased with what he saw.

We see the Methodist church has got a white dress on the outside as well as the inside. Mr. Lockhart Homes did the outside painting we were told. It improves the church wonderfully. ((This building would at that time, be exactly a half-mile east on the old trail. See map in Chapter '02 of "The Glory Yrs." for its exact location)).

Mr. D. J. McQueen showed us last Wed. evening wheat picked at random from the outside of his field of 25 acres, measuring 3 ft., 7 ins., & just heading out. It's likely to be taller in the inside of the field. How is that for Gladstone!

FRI., JULY 24th, 1885

((Editorial)) . . .

Now that the rebellion is over we should be as eager to aid the rebels to settle down to their usual routine so that they may forget the jar which we have both sustained, the sooner.

Would it not be as well to change the governor of the North-West Territories. He is, from all accounts, not reckoned in high esteem either by the Indians or the whites. He might be pressed as to his plans to retire, so as to make room for a new man who would have the terror of the late rebellion before his eyes, to keep him straight.

LOCALS

The baseball club expected to have their first game last Wed., but the ball did not come. Probably tomorrow evening they'll make their start.

Mr. Boyd ran down a young Sandhill crane last Mon. when berrying up north. He gave it to Rev. F. Jephcott to increase his collection of stuffed animals & birds, of which the rev. gentleman has quite a number.

Messrs. T. & W. Cory took a trip last week to Lake Dauphin to spy out the land. It's so satisfactory that Mr. T. Cory, jun., has taken up a claim. He is just a mile from Mr. Whitmore. The round trip took them seven days with a pony and cart. He says the road is pretty bad.

Mr. C. Fahrni was at Sandy Bay the other week with cattle for the Indians. He says they have some fine houses, which will have to be abandoned or taken to their reserve, as the govt. has ordered them on to it. The country is pretty wet, but there is magnificent hay. In going thro' a slough on ox-back he could tie the grass over the ox's back. It's a fine stock-raising

country. He also says that at Lakeside he saw grain farther advanced than anywhere else.

We had quite an emigration of Swedes on Mon. to aid in ballasting the track. What with the frequent trains and the number of men, busy as bees on the track, it makes us think that the hard times are going to make themselves scarce for a spell. They are making a good job. Once the track is fixed it will make a smooth ride.

According to a notice the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society held their Garden Social in Mr. Galloway's grove last Friday evening. The handsome sum of \$18.00 was netted. Mr. and Mrs. Galloway deserve thanks for so freely throwing open their house and grounds to the public for the occasion. By all manner of means let us have another social soon, as it helps us to know each other better, and fits us in to one another all the easier, as it rounds off our angularities.

Mr. Schooley, storekeeper here, has had to take a trip to Birtle this week, to rectify a mistake which the land agent has made in entering his land.

Mr. Dan McLean, from Wpg., is spending his holidays among his old friends in Gladstone. He appears to like Wpg., as he is looking well.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharp, from Wpg. arrived by Wednesday's train. We understand they are looking for land. We hope they will see something to suit them, as we would like them to be in our midst. We were glad to get a 'grip o' the han's o' Auld Reekie' folks any hoo. It made us feel as if we were at home.

The Masonic Lodge will have a Basket Picnic in the groves of Mr. A. Nicol on Thursday, the 30th inst.

Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe left Tuesday for Austin. He is going to run Mr. Clifford's dairy farm. We wish him every success. ((At this time only James lived here, we think, joined later by brother Peter. The former, with his ever-loving wife, & adopted daughter, Nellie (later Mrs. Score), resided for over 50 years on Cameron St. (lot 22, Blk. 72). The couple had the unique experience of enjoying 68 happy yrs. together. They came to Gladstone in 1875)).

At the sale on Sat. last Mr. S. McKelvey bought the buckboard for \$15, while Mr. D. Budge purchased the wagon for \$30.

Mr. Morrison, of Westbourne, passed thro' Gladstone Sunday evening on his way to Bow River, we believe. He purposed going up to Dauphin, but found he would have to put up too much hay for winter feeding. He has about 200 head, consisting of 120 calves, 10 bulls, cows, etc. He had 3½ teams with his household goods, etc.

A yearling, which is in the

habit of sucking a cow yet, was being captured on the bridge on Thursday a.m., when, to prevent being caught, it took a flying leap over the railing of the bridge, landing on its shoulder, though none the worse for its new method of locomotion. It must be a species of mountain goat, we think, as the drop was quite high. It got away, as it deserved to do for its daring.

Riel's trial began last Monday in Regina; but was adjourned to the 28th inst.

We saw some pretty specimens of flowers painted by Mrs. Galloway, last night. We understand that Miss Gillespie, sister of Mrs. Dean, is teaching her.

The boys had a dance at the section house Wed. night (pay-day). Doubtless they had a good time.

Mr. Raymer, of Portage Marble Works, agent for tombstones, is around this week, canvassing.

((A "Mr. Mc" writes extolling the values of the county to incoming settlers, and closes with the following paragraph)): Since we have got a railroad, good roads and bridges, school-houses and churches, I think it would be to the interests of all emigrants to have a look at this place before going further west. They will not have the hardships to endure that we had when we had to draw all our supplies from Wpg. over bad roads and thro' swollen streams, and worse than all, the treacherous cloud-boom, which shone on us in such splendor till it carried us all away and made us feel as if we were millionaires; & then dropped us and left us in as great confusion as the builders of the Tower of Babel. But we have outlived it all, and by careful management we will soon be free of debt again; and certainly wiser if not better men. And, as the financial standing of the county is good, let us be careful to elect men to office to keep it so, and we shall all be gainers, either directly or indirectly.

FRI., JULY 31st, 1885

NOTICE TO FARMERS

On account of the over-production of butter, and consequently slow sale and low price, we are unable to handle any more until further notice. For good fresh eggs we will pay 12½ cents per dozen.

R. Galloway & Bro.

TENDERS WANTED

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Friday, August 7, for supplying material and building the Soudan schoolhouse. Detailed specifications of the work can be seen at Mr. G. H. Kerr's. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

G. H. Kerr,
Sec.-Treas. of Soudan S.D.

((Editor Moodie thinks that farmers, after a disastrous year in '84, when they couldn't sell their grain after holding it all winter, could be better off by getting rid of what appears to be a bumper crop in '85, in the fall. He ends by suggesting that farmers might form a union)).

Mrs. Malcolm, of Minnedosa, has been paying her old friends here a visit this week.

The benefits of summerfallowing are well exemplified in the magnificent field of wheat on Mr. David Kerr's farm.

Mr. John Knox, of Silver St., has sold his place to his son, Charles. His wife is sick at the old homestead in Ontario, and he is going to tend her. We hope to hear of her getting better soon, when both, with the remaining boys at home, had better come out here & cast in their lot with us.

We are told that a credit note for a consignment of butter to a Wpg. firm bore on its face not half the price per lb. which the merchants pay for it here.

Mr. Peter Moir, of Blake, says he has a grand crop of barley this year on a piece of alkali land, which he treated in the following manner: His first crop having died out, he hauled manure and put a heavy coating on next summer, plowing it under, and sowing in the spring, with results as stated before. If this is the sure way of treating alkali lands, surely the farmer doesn't need to be troubled with it long.

Last Sunday a water-spout must have burst in the western part of Livingstone twp., as we were told that Mr. Milne, on coming down from McGregor twp. to Gladstone next day, had his team going thro' water up to their knees on the road, while the ditch at the side was tearing away at a great rate. There was also any amount of frogs and fish to be seen.

((A long write-up is given in the Masonic Picnic at Mr. A. Nicol's, advertised recently)).

Mr. R. T. Riley has made arrangement with Peter Moir of Blake to take the Whitmore farm for this season and do some work on it, preparing it for sale or tenancy next spring.

Mr. A. McDonald, of Palestine, in digging a well, when, instead of water, he has come to something like mica.

The Neepawa contingent passed through Gladstone Mon. last on their way home. They were pretty well tanned.

Last Sat. the ballast train killed six head of cattle belonging to Mr. R. McMillan, of Arden.

John McConnell, jun., son of Mr. John McConnell, of Golden Stream, was married to Miss Potts, in Wpg., we are told.

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FRI., AUGUST 7th, 1885

((Editorial)) . . .

Riel has been condemned to be hanged on the 18th of Sept., with a recommendation from the jury for leniency from the court. No one can say but that he had every justice granted him, but the proof of his treason was brought out so clear that nothing but conviction could be rendered. We cannot but admire the man and pity the blotting out of a life that might have been useful to himself & others, if it only had got the right bent. He is evidently a religious enthusiast & should have lived in the happy times when every man lived under "his own fig tree, none daring to make them afraid," instead of living in these times of "watch & prey". He has shown himself to be a man of conviction anyhow, as he has sacrificed himself to "fulfil his mission." From the very first, when this country was acquired by the Dominion, he tried to prevent its accomplishment, costing the British govt. trouble and expense, and sacrificing one life in a brutal manner to his over-weening sense of his own importance. Again, he has tried to wrest the country from the whites by raising a greater rebellion, costing many lives and loss of property, and bigger expense to the Dominion. But his career has been brought to an end, Justice has not been perverted this time, as he has been righteously adjudged to death, whether the sentence is carried out or not.

We pity the man, as we said before, but at the same time we must respect his victims as well. They were cut down in the morning of their day, as stepping stones to his ambitious mania, as one of the doctors learnedly calls it, though simply rebellion would have been the better word, we think. He is too dangerous a man to be at large however.

The half-breeds had grievances which lie at the door of the govt. as a lasting monument of their wilful neglect, and which will be kept ever in memory by the tablets erected to her slain sons.

According to his own words Riel came back to get his \$35,000 which Sir John promised him. We wish he had got it and stayed away. It would have saved a lot of hard feelings.

Remember the civic holiday on Thursday next, August 13th.

The cutting of oats commenced at Mekiwin Thursday last. Bar-

ley is also ready.

We hear the M. & N.W. intend putting on a refrigerator car for the benefit of the merchants along the line.

A full meeting of the Town Council was held in Andrews' Hall Wed. evening. A communication from the Central Judicial District to the effect that the Lieut.-Governor in Council would approve of the lock-up being used as a registry office, and asking what rate per month they could have it for; also that \$300 is required for judicial purposes and \$45 for the county, which must be paid before Feb. 1st next. Motions: Andrews and Doherty that Council rent lock-up at \$6.00 per month; McKelvy and Andrews, that D. Cameron be paid as soon as possible the difference of his account against the corporation, after deducting the three years' taxes against the lot in block 71, which he owns; Coun. Doherty & Andrews, that Messrs. McQueen and Chambers be allowed \$20 for auditing the books of 1883 (?). Andrews and McKelvy, that a grant of \$25 be made to the Westbourne Agricultural Society; McKelvy and Doherty that \$1.75 be paid for use of hall of each regular meeting of Council. — Some discussion ensued as to the rate to be levied this year, full consideration of which was left over until the next meeting on Wed. Sept. 21st.

The R. M. of Westbourne Council met Wed. last at 2 p.m. All members were present except Coun. Morrison, of Woodside. Reeve West was in the chair. The following accounts were passed: W. Bourdette, Ward 1, \$50; J. I. Chantler, do, \$9.00; Dick & Banning, do, \$53.00; G. F. Rodgers, Wd. 3, \$15.00; W. F. Lindsay, do, \$31.45; J. Holliday, do, \$11.00; L. Olson, do, \$10.35; J. Hill, do, \$10.00; W. Herron, do, \$40.16; D. McLean, Wd. 5, \$7.00; J. Manson, do, \$15.00; D. Cameron, do, \$18.00; J. J. Stewart, do, \$3.75; A. Holliday, do, \$2.50; J. McDiarmid, do, \$3.50; W. Poole, do, \$3.50; W. L. 6, R. Stinson, \$30.00; H. Pool, do, \$14.00; J. Chambers, general fund, \$6.25; Court of Revision costs, \$11.00; A. Paul, rebate of taxes, \$24.75; W. A. Davis, assessor, \$115.00; J. Mason, assistance, \$15.00. — In striking the rate for the year, the gratifying fact came out that six school districts out of twelve, inside the county, viz., Jordan, Lakeside, Tupper, Silver Stream, Woodside and Westbourne are keeping schools running all the year; Golden Stream, Palestine, Liv-

ingstone and Squirrel Creek, 9 mos. The rate was fixed at 3 mills on the \$ for general school purposes, 3 mills for general purposes and 6 for debentures and interest, making 12 mills on the \$, to which fails to be added the special rate to each school district.

Westward Ho! is seen to be a mistake with some of our western neighbors, as we hear some of them north of Minnedosa are going to put up hay here for their cattle during the winter, as they haven't enough up there. Yes, yes, come back, dear erring ones, and you will find that you can both grow hay and cattle to perfection here!

We hear that the townsmen have engaged a boy to herd the cattle from now up to the 15th of Sept., as some of them are of a rather enquiring turn of mind, especially where grain is growing. It's almost come to be an acknowledged fact that cattle don't seem to mind rail fences, but walk right thro' them. Wire is the only thing that appears to scare them. If a band of cattle such as we see around town, were to get into anyone's crop either day or night, we would not give much for it next day. (Readers who neglect to realize that rail fences were still much in vogue at this time should look again at the picture in the April issue of '84 (of the Galloway Collection), which shows that most central of all blocks in Gladstone — where the Paris Cafe, McKinley's Grocery store, Traa's Bakery, Cox's Radio Shack Barber's Grocery store, Boschman's Pharmacy, as well as 1 vacancy, plus old lumber sheds, etc., are now . . . then vacant except for one lone cow encircled by a rail fence)).

We had a call from Mr. John Davidson, M.P.P. for Beautiful Plains Constituency, who took a run down to see his mother, who, we are sorry to hear, is troubled with a return of her old complaint. She is a good deal better again we are happy to say.

There is considerable talk in the town as to striking the rate for the year, some thinking of making it high, so as to clear our feet, others that a high rate would be neither acceptable or collectable. Coun. Andrews thinks that a meeting of the ratepayers might be held so as to hear their opinions on it. He is willing to give the hall free either for a night or day meeting. Let us have a meeting anyhow. It is for the ratepayers to say when. We will try to ventilate the subject next week, not having had time this.

((This issue carries a column and a half on Riel's trial at Regina including a rather eloquent and common-sense explanation of the debacle as seen from the side of the Indians and Metis. All very interesting on this, the 100th anniversary of what is probably our country's most unfair act — ever — against an individual)).

FRI., AUGUST 14, 1885

We are glad to see Master William Williams back again. His wrist appears to be all right again, the diseased bones having been taken out.

Mr. Cooney, Mr. Beck's hired man, we hear, has been very sick this week or two back. We believe he is getting better.

Mr. McAlpine was thrown out of his buggy the other day at Andrews' Hall by his horse running away. He was badly shaken up but is able to be around again.

Birth: At Gladstone, on the 11th inst., the wife of Mr. D. J. McQueen, merchant, of twins; one died shortly after being born.

Hon C. P. Brown's house in Wpg. had a narrow escape of being burnt this week.

The grist mill will be shut down the week after next for a month to make some repairs.

Our treasurer for the county says he started to cut his crop in the latter part of July some yrs. ago, so we were in error when we said this year was the earliest.

Mr. Kobold, butcher, Winnipeg, shipped a carload of cattle from here this week. He bought them from Mr. Chris Fahrni. He intends being up in another fortnight.

Ballasting is about finished on this section of the M. & N.W. and the track is now in good condition as any in the country. Iron for the 60 miles west is expected at Portage about the 20th.

Rev. F. Jephcott, being detained a week longer in the country than he expected, will preach his farewell sermon this first Sunday evening.

At the banquet given to Major Boulton, in Winnipeg, the Hon. C. P. Brown presided.

Mrs. F. Blackmore went to join her husband in the States this week.

Some pig pens require the health inspector to look after as this is a bad month for sickness, on account of dirt and foul smells in our midst.

Our excursionists got home from Portage last night a little past 10, being well pleased with themselves & their girls at having had a jolly good time! May it be even so.

Mr. Schooley sold 50 tickets to the excursion train Thursday, which shows that the stocking is not empty yet.

At the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society, held Thurs. afternoon, the following officers were appointed for the yr.: Mrs. Broadfoot, pres.; Mrs. McAlpine, vice-pres.; Mrs. Budge, sec.-terras.

The civic holiday was taken advantage of by quite a number of the town's folk, as also of the

surroundings. More would have been apt to have taken advantage of the holiday if the haying season had not been so wet, the farmers being loath to lose any good days now, as the grain crop will soon be in.

NOTICE TO FARMERS

We are prepared to handle a limited quantity of good butter. Price, 9c per lb. Also fresh eggs, 15c per doz.

R. Galloway & Bro.

((Editorial)) . . .

We are a little exercised this year over the rate to be struck for the town. Some wish to strike a high rate so as to wipe off our indebtedness at once; others think that a high rate in our present depressed state would not be wise. We will give a few figures to give the ratepayers a little idea of how we stand.

Our uncollected taxes for 1883 amount to \$2,930; for 1884 \$3,747; which makes \$6,677, being about \$300 less than what would clear our feet this year. The question is how much of these back taxes can we count upon getting.

Our liabilities are: \$2,500 of the \$5,000 debentures which were not sold; \$1,700 railway coupons, due the county; \$1,200 railway coupons for this year; \$345 for the Judicial Board; \$500 for expenses in running the town; due school, interest, and other small accounts, bringing it to \$7,000.

How can we raise enough money to clear this sum off?

Say we assess at 2 cents on the \$, which would bring in, in round numbers on paper, say \$6,000, which would only amount to \$4,000 in actual cash, taking a third off for non-collectable taxes, where are the remaining \$3,000 to come from?

How much can we count on getting from the Judicial Board when the lands in arrears for taxes are sold, remains to be seen.

It is quite apparent that the town can't pay its share of the railway bonus, because it is out of its power. But by getting a new and proper adjustment of the railway bonus, the town would be enabled to pay and so make quite a saving in that line.

We are taxed too much for judicial purposes. What do we get for the \$345 we have to pay it? We think we should be relieved from such an expensive piece of machinery. To let the govt. see that they are laying too much upon us, let the people refuse to pay the mill levied for it, as we hold that the govt., when petitioned by the people last session to do away with them on account of their needless expense, should either have granted the request or given some of the subsidy at a nominal rate of interest to help the municipalities out of their difficulties which difficulties are partly due

to an expensive and unwise municipal govt.

Our town expenditures could not be reduced very much, as we have bridges, etc., to keep up. But thank goodness our town officials are a saving lot.

If we don't get anything from the Judicial Board after our lands are sold by it, we don't think that the 2 cent rate could enable us to clear our feet. Also people would be inclined to make an effort to pay 1 cent or even 1½, while they saw it to be utterly useless to struggle to pay the 2 cent rate. We think it would be the ease of putting the last straw on the camel's back to try to levy the high rate.

The rate might not be struck till the lands are sold, as, when the county and Judicial Board take their share out of them, we would be better able to tell what is actually required.

We may be in error on some of the items, but the \$7,000 is, we are told, what we would need to get rid of this year, if possible.

Then in two or three years after our \$10,000 debentures for our insane graded streets might be got rid of. Just let us all take a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether, and we will soon be into smooth water again.

For our part we would be only too glad to pay the high rate and get out of paying exorbitant interest for money and save the town being sued, which only piles up the expense. It might mean for us to go with patched pants, which would be no disgrace, if they were our own. But we do not wish our opinion to coerce those who are unable or unwilling to do so.

((NOTE: The above long editorial is printed in its entirety as it provides some help to those who desire a better understanding of the troubles the town — only 3 years into its history — was experiencing. And of course, the town does go "broke". We have tried to point up the various developments leading to this catastrophe; the two deplorably wet years just before incorporation in 1882, the coming of the railway, the "boom" years, and then the tragic "bust" when too many of the "established" farmers and businessmen, had to pull up stakes and move on, leaving the burden of taxation on fewer ratepayers. We have been pleased to show that Editor Moedie seemed to have a sound grasp of the situation, and his so-called efforts to "hold back progress" was simply good, sound advice for that particular time of "piled on" adversities. The above editorial does not contain a list of incriminating facts re those who may or may not have been responsible, and not one "I told you so", but just a statement of the status quo, in order that all might know. A really great editor, we think)).

FOR SALE OR TO RENT: The Hotel best known as the Wilson House. Bus, Billiard Table, and other things too numerous to mention. Eight percent will be allowed off for cash; eight percent on joint approved sales. Small sums under \$15, cash. S. T. Wilson, prop.

RE LIQUOR LICENSE

To The Editor,
Of The
Gladstone Age.

Sir: According to an advertisement in the Marquette Review & other papers I am applying for a hotel license.

Strange to say I am not aware of the fact before.

Is it possible that some kind friend has been able to do for me what I was unable to do for myself, viz., get the requisite number of signatures required by law for a license? If so, I would just as leave they had given me some notice of their intentions; but, seeing they have put up the advertisement, I will quietly wait and possibly in the meantime they might put up the money too.

JAS. HERRON.

Gladstone, Aug. 12, 1885.

FRI., AUGUST 21st, 1885

Mr. Mason, our registrar, received a telegram from Hon. C. P. Brown, Wed., inviting him and as many more as he could get to meet a company from Wpg. at Westbourne on Thursday to have a sail on Lake Manitoba. Eight or nine took advantage of his kind offer. We understand Mr. Schooley was instructed to give tickets at half-fare. If the company numbered ten. They will probably be back by Friday's train. We'll get an account of it from one of the parties, however, which we will not be able to publish till next week, as our issue must be ready to mail when the mail is opened on Friday afternoon. The "Age" was specially invited, we were told, but "business before pleasure" must be our excuse, though our thanks are tendered all the same.

Rev. F. Jephcott (English Church) preached his farewell sermon last Sunday evening, taking for his text the apostolic benediction, "The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ," etc. He opened it up in a clear and logical manner, with apt language, showing how the apostle, in bidding those adieu whom he had begotten in the gospel, and whom he remembered in his prayers continually, could not have used more tender and searching language when desiring the rich blessings contained in his parting address. The rev. gentleman, in severing his connection with his congregation, said he thanked all those who had in any way aided him in his pastoral ministrations, and hoped that in bidding

them farewell in the apostle's words, that he could not leave them a better legacy. — The rev. gentleman and his lady left by Thursday's train. Miss Livesay left by Tuesday's train for Wpg. where she will wait their arrival. They are going back to England. We wish them a safe and pleasant journey. We may say for ourselves, and also for others, that the rev. gentleman will be missed in various ways. His medical skill was always at the disposal of the sufferer, his advice being gratis, only, as a matter of course, charging for the medicine he gave. We have had the pleasure of listening to his discourses often, and admired them for their choice diction and clear reasoning. Perhaps, if anything, the rev. was too retiring, which is not appreciated in this very obtrusive age. His lady also seconded him in his work—in the choir, which she led, in the Sunday School, which she held at the parsonage, or at the various meetings which were held by the ladies to advance the interests of the church. Again we wish him and all connected with him, God-speed in his sojourn here below.

Mr. Hill, of Richmond, took home a self-binder Thur. Messrs. Ferguson and Stewart took their self-binder home on Thur. also. They loaded it on a waggon all set up ready for cutting, except the reel.

((Sale of lands for arrears of taxes appears in this issue; some 125 to 140 parcels)).

The perils of the deep were shown in a wet way by a party of berry-pickers this week, who, desirous of crossing the river to get at them, loaded their boat so heavily with dear freight that the paddler had only reached the centre of the stream when down she went with all her freight. The ladies were up to their waists in water, and were a sorely bedraggled pair when they landed. The parties on the other side, who could not help being amused at their sudden immersion, noticed the gentleman's instinct, "strong in dire distress," as he grabbed the pails and even went the length, so they say, of catching on to the boat with his teeth. "We'll go no more a-boat-in' till we've proved the boat is safe," is now their song.

The village is increasing in chickens, turkeys, etc., at a great rate, Messrs. Andrews, McAlpine and Rintoul trying to see who are going to come out a chicken ahead evidently. Perhaps the pock disease may thin them out somewhat in the fall.

There is quite a patch of Canadian thistle near the section-house, we are told, which needs to be seen to.

The old Queen's hotel requires to be seen to by the city father whose ward it is in, as it appears to be made a nuisance ground.

We understand that Councillor Morrison is going into the saw-

ing line at Calgary. His brother, Mr. J., and he, have part interest in a new machine which they bought recently, and which Mr. John intends taking out to Lake Manitoba to saw up the logs which they cut last winter.

Mr. N. Morrison, of Woodside, showed us the other week a few leaves of tobacco which he had planted the 1st of June, showing wonderful growth. It shows they can grow tobacco down there anyhow, besides other things. We are going to give him a call when his 'baccy is cured. Just to test it, you know.

ROSERIDGE

What might have proved a serious accident occurred at our school the other day. It appeared that a young lady attended, who, having a much-prized weapon, carried same and by some careless movement caused the pistol to discharge. Fortunately it did no further injury than tearing an ugly gash in the floor. The occupants were severely shocked.

Haymaking is being vigorously carried on, the hum of the mower being heard throughout the district.

Many bears are seen migrating from one strip of timber to another. Where are you W. Ross?

Wheat, oats and barley promise a good yield. — J. R.

FRI., AUGUST 28th, 1885

The acceptors of Mr. Brown's invitation had a gay time of it, being met at Westbourne station on the arrival of the train from Gladstone, by carriages, thoughtfully provided by the hon. gentleman for his guests, whence they were driven to the lake shore. After luncheon the party enjoyed the pleasure of a sail on the lake, also seeing some white-caps as there was a little breeze. After tiring themselves of boating and then partaking of supper, the party built a big bonfire on the shore and retired into the bush, which had been cleared of underbrush, and danced under the incandescent light of the different fires which the exercise caused the participants to give off thro' their eyes. Nothing disturbed the quiet of their repose when they retired for the night, as the lullaby of a miniature ocean soothed them into slumber, except perhaps the cold caused some of them to get to the back of the bed to get back the calories lost by lying on the outside. Morning brought renewed boating and fishing until it was time to drive to the station to catch the uptrain. The parties arrived home all right, though feeling a little off no doubt, not with imbibing outward spirits, but with their own exuberant spirits and the plentiful ozone which they had breathed at the lake shore, causing them to taper off by improvising a dance the

night of their return. They cannot but look back with a longing desire to renew the refreshing experience which such a trip gives, seeing it introduces one into new scenes as also into contact with new acquaintances at a time and place where freer intercourse is indulged in among casual acquaintances out for a day's outing. There is a good house, as also a good tent for the accommodation of the visitors to the lake shore, of which quite a few of Winnipeg's citizens take advantage, as they are within business call while apparently remote from it. The thanks of the party, we are sure, are due the hon. gentleman for the treat which he so kindly provided for them.

THE M. & N. W. RAILWAY

Work on the Northwestern rly. is progressing rapidly, the first 20 miles being finished. Further west the graders are at work all along the line to within six or seven miles of the Bird Tail. There are about 200 teams and 300 or 400 men employed at the present time, and the grading will be nearly finished.

The material for bridges and buildings is all brought from Keewatin, and is delivered in large quantities, and is of excellent quality. A number of the bridges are already completed.

Twenty-four thousand tons of steel rails have been landed at Montreal and an equal quantity was shipped from Liverpool about the first of the month. It is proposed to lay a mile, or a mile and a half of the track each day.

A strong force of men are at work constructing water tanks and framing buildings. The prepared building material will be forwarded to the proper points according as the track is laid.

The first station, 10 miles west of Minnedosa, is named Basswood, being near Basswood lake. The second is Newdale, and is 18 miles from Minnedosa. The third is Strathclair, 27 miles from Minnedosa; the fourth is Shoal Lake; the next is Kelloe, 44 miles, then comes Allandale, at the Bird Tail, 51 miles from Minnedosa.—Birtle Observer.

LOCALS

Mr. Clayton, Golden Stream, lost a valuable horse Sunday night.

We hear that Mr. Snell has his grain stacked already.

Mrs. Robert Ferguson is spending a week or two at Mrs. Jas. Broadfoot's.

We hear that Mrs. T. Hembroff is very sick.

A sister of Mrs. Dean's arrived on a visit by Wednesday's train.

Mr. and Mrs. McCorriston left Thursday for Pontiac County, Quebec.

Mr. Burns, Wpg., wants to buy two or three carloads of cattle.

Mr. J. A. Best has shipped a carload of grain this week, purchased from Mr. D. Kerr & his son John, the price being 50 to the former and 44 to the latter.

We had a call from Mr. A. McKenzie, Grassy River. He is putting up about 240 tons of hay this year, as he has 75 head of cattle and three ponies to winter.

Mr. Campbell, butcher, from Portage, stopped at the Queen's Thursday night on his way to Minnedosa, where he intends to start a business. He travels with all his outfit.

Mr. Riddell, McGregor twp., brought into town this wk. some fine big onions, of which he has plenty more at home. He has also cabbage weighing about 6 lbs. Mr. D. Grose has also some good cabbage and tomatoes as well.

We hear from one of our townsmen that Mr. Robt. McKelvy, Squirrel Creek, is pretty well fixed, having 50 head of cattle, etc., with a windmill which does all the churning and drawing of water. He puts up about 80 tons of hay himself with the help of a man for only 3 days.

Mr. John Morrison, of Woodside, had quite a job last week in removing the engine of his saw mill from Golden Stream to Woodside, preparatory to taking it out to the lake. He said the road thro' Golden Stream was a bad one. He thinks it was a mistake in digging the ditch last summer, instead of the one that is to be dug this fall.

The M. & N. W. will start drawing the steel rails for the 60 miles west next week, and then we will likely see a daily construction train. The boarding cars for the track-layers passed west Wednesday, Mr. Grant has the contract of laying the rails.

Another, and probably the last car of old wheat will be shipped by Mr. J. A. Best next week.

Mr. John Paterson, agent for a loan company who is inspecting the land for his employers, was in town Wed. Being a friend of the Schooley brothers, he passed an agreeable time with them while here.

Mr. Ed. Crouter got his binder badly smashed up this week by his team running away. The bridle got down somehow off one of them and he couldn't pull on the lines. Consequently he had to jump from the seat to save himself, and let them reap themselves. Which they did in fine style, going up the side as good as if they had been driven, making the sheaves fly with lightning rapidity till they came to their turn, when they would have turned in on the other stretch if the odd off horse had allowed them. which caused the tongue to break from their twisting, when they

went off with the broken part of the tongue, causing the machine to perform a summersault twice before it had lost the power of its momentum. Likely it will cost about \$50 to fix it up again.

The ditch at Grassy River is going ahead, 3 miles being done, and 3 men and teams steady at work on it. Mr. W. Smith intends pushing it until the snow flies.

R. H. Robertson, dentist, Portage, will be at the Wilson House Gladstone, from the 31st of Aug. to the 2nd of Sept., for those who want teeth drawn or renewed.

Rev. Mr. Kinley will not be either at Silver or Golden Stream on Sunday, the 30th. Rev. Daniel Stalker will preach for him on Sunday evening, first. The rev. gentleman has gone to the Portage on church business.

The Minnedosa Volunteers passed through Gladstone on their way home Monday.

Miss Best, sister of Mr. E. E. Best, teacher here, is on a visit to her brother.

We had a frost on Mon. morning which did a good deal of damage to gardens, though it did not touch the grain from all the inquiries we made.

Mr. Wm. McCrae is on a visit here from Tara, Ont., to see his folks.

Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Stewart, Portage, were paying a visit to Mr. Geo. Bruce, Livingstone, this week.

((Editorial)) . . .

The Manitoban sent a telegram to us, as well as to other papers, this week, asking our opinion as to whether Riel's sentence should be carried out or no, to which we answered in the affirmative.

The eastern papers and people, we see, are very much exercised on the subject, tending to raise sectional differences if the sentence is carried out. It must be a sobering thing for a judge and jury to sentence a man to death, but in this case we hold that justice demands that the law should be vindicated. However much Riel has been made the victim of circumstances, he has been proved to be sane enough to know what his acting led him into. It is a great pity that such a clever man should come to such an ignominious end.

The govt. knew there was a cause for the rebellion, else why did they send a commission to inquire into it, & remedy the grievances while the war was going on. If Riel's sentence is to be commuted because of this, we say that justice demands a more fitting subject in the dismissal of Lieut.-Gov. Dewdney from his position, as he must have known of trouble brewing long before it broke out. It not, incompetency should be a worse crime, in which case it would be a good thing to elevate him and so scare office-seekers into their native obscurity.

(From "The Vancouver Sun")

ANNE MULLENS meets a man who helped pioneer modern medicine in Canada

WHEN Dr. Gordon S. Fahrni graduated from medicine in 1911 and began interning for surgery in Winnipeg, wearing sterile gloves while operating was a relatively new idea.

The doctor he was studying under, the dean of the Winnipeg Medical School, still operated with his hairy forearms and hands uncovered.

"He was the smartest guy in the world and a great surgeon, but he was from the old guard and he felt washing his hands was enough," says the now 96-year-old Fahrni, who in his 72 years in and around the Canadian medical profession has seen one new idea after another revolutionize health care.

From rubber gloves, blood transfusions and penicillin to a host of brave-new-world inventions such as test tube babies and artificial organs that have transformed medicine, Fahrni has been a participant or a keen observer.

Where medicine will go next is hard to say, says the white-haired doctor who moved in 1951 to Vancouver from Winnipeg, where he had practised and taught at the university for 40 years. Fahrni performed his last operation in Vancouver in 1955 at the age of 77.

Fahrni lives on his own in a Kersdale apartment, surrounded by books, magazines, photographs, dark walnut antique furniture and an old upright piano.

His wife, Allie, died several years ago. Their son, Gordon Jr., is unmarried and a retired Winnipeg surgeon. Daughter Phyllis is a Vancouver housewife with three children.

Despite his years, Fahrni's hands are still steady, the step agile and the back straight. His eyesight and hearing are sharp, too, and his mind even sharper.

Sitting in a comfortable armchair, Fahrni makes it clear he doesn't want this article to be about "an old man who's still got all his marbles." Rather, he suggests, it should be



about medicine, health care and how it has changed.

He talks about the role of the doctor, the ever-increasing cost of medicine and the changes he has seen.

"The cost of health is becoming absolutely ridiculous, but I don't know what we can do about it."

Perhaps, he says, people should analyse whether the tremendously expensive advances such as transplanting a baboon heart into Baby Fae, or artificial heart transplants, are worth while.

"We are advancing knowledge, and I am all for research, but in those cases is it good medicine? We have to ask ourselves, seriously, how far do we go?"

Despite his retirement, Fahrni is still active in the medical community, as a sage rather than a surgeon.

As president of the Canadian Medical Association in 1941, he still takes part in the CMA's presidents' association, attends many of the regional medical meetings, writes letters of opinion, history and advice to the various executives and drives his car regularly to the B.C. Medical Association office in Vancouver.

Fahrni recalls the 1911 demonstration that convinced the Winnipeg Medical School dean he should suit up and wear gloves for his operations to prevent infection and gangrene in post-operative patients.

of the founders of the American Goltre Association and its president in 1928). Fahrni also did most of his hernia repairs under local anesthetic.

Much like the day surgery that doctors and hospitals are promoting now as a new efficient trend in medicine, in the 1920s and '30s Fahrni encouraged patients to have local anesthetic and to get up and walk around the same day as their surgery, primarily to prevent blood clots from causing stroke or heart failure.

While he was consulting surgeon to the Canadian Army, stationed in Ottawa during the Second World War, he was able to push his belief in the value of post-operative exercise and movement.

With the blessing of his superior, Fahrni circulated a memo to all Canadian military hospitals to get their patients up and walking around as soon as possible.

The doctors in those hospitals then carried the practice with them back to civilian life.

If he has any advice to give young doctors today, it is to foster a close and confident relationship with their patients. In his day, says Fahrni, part of that was done by making house calls.

"I used to enjoy house calls because it allowed me to get to know the family, to win the patient's confidence."

Doctors became doctors in his day "from a desire to look after the health of the people of Canada. To prevent disease and cure disease in the most efficient way possible." It is still true of most doctors today, he says, but the public's perception of doctors is changing.

"Many people don't see doctors as compassionate any more. They think they are money grabbers."

Doctors shouldn't look to the politicians to defend and promote medicine, says Fahrni. Only by winning the respect and confidence of patients, can doctors maintain control of health care.

"The patients — the people — call the shots and the politicians heed the people."

"The second man in charge organized a research project. After scrubbing our hands and arms we collected cultures from under our fingernails — even from under the chief's fingernails. To everyone's amazement, a number of pathological organisms grew on the culture plates.

"We showed it to the chief. He said, 'Okay, from now on I'll wear a gown and gloves.'"

Other transitions weren't so easy. As a young surgeon around the time of the First World War, he used to become uneasy with the methods of anesthesia of the day.

To knock a patient unconscious, ether was poured directly on a mask which then covered the patient's face. Not only was it highly explosive but it was difficult to control.

"I used to get into fights with the anesthetist. Patients would be so deeply under they wouldn't wake up until late in the evening after the surgery. I'd get scared as hell they wouldn't wake up at all. Whenever I could, I'd perform operations under local anesthetic."

All of Fahrni's operations on thyroid disorders, one of his specialties and for which he became prominent throughout North America, were done under local anesthetic.

(Hypothyroidism, or goitre, was a common affliction especially on the Prairies and in the American Midwest until iodine was routinely added to table salt in the early 1920s, says Fahrni, who was one

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Mr. W. S. Bailey is getting his brick hauled for the foundation of his house. From the amount of stone he has in his yard as well, he evidently means to make a solid job, and so keep Jack Frost out of the cellar.

The Church of England Ladies' Aid Society will hold their Annual Bazaar and Lunch Table on the day of the Westbourne Agricultural Society's Show, on Friday, October 9th.

We hear that Mr. Dan Ferguson has completed the 5-mile ditch which he had contracted for from Mr. Sanford, of Hamilton, Ont. Mr. Riley, his agent, from Winnipeg, inspected it this week.

Gooseberries are becoming a marketable article here. Mr. Minnie, of McGregor Twp., sold a fine lot, his own raising, to Gallows Bros. last week.

Mr. S. T. Wilson is getting his steam thrasher overhauled, so as to be in readiness to tackle the threshing. He expects to start soon.

Weather cool and blustering, apparently licking itself into shape for the obnoxious gales.

Sidewalks were getting an over-hauling last Saturday so as to prevent accidents happening from loose planks.

Mr. Burns shipped a carload of cattle last Saturday. "More to follow."

Dr. Scott took a trip to Winnipeg this week.

Mr. John Edwards, of Dauphin, reports that there were four degrees of frost in that region on Aug. 24th. The crops look well. Turnips, onions and 'tatoes, he says, are just immense, the latter having to be pried out with a handspike. Mr. Edwards intends putting up a new house. Indians all quiet, although some of them complain of not having received the cattle they were promised. He said he never found the roads better.

A gentleman was seen this week carrying a cradle, which shows that he means business, but whether this year or next, rumor, the jade, didn't whisper loud enough for us to catch on to. However, as he sturdily marched rejoicingly along carrying his cradle, if not his sheaves, his soul or soles must have spurred him on with glowing ideas of what he could do these hard times to set machinery at de-

fiance by awing the cradle from early morning until dewy eve, and so save getting into debt. We are with him every time for setting us such an example, even from the "cradle to the grave." "Eh, sirs, but it's hot work!"—Diogenes.

We are enjoying the pleasure of a daily train, so that one can go either to Portage or Minnedosa and return, the same day.

The Town Council had no quorum last Wed., consequently no business was done.

Mr. Sloan Schooley took a business trip to Wpg. Wednesday.

An unfortunate affray occurred last Friday morning between two Squirrel Creek settlers, respectively named Edgar and Dobbin, both well known to us, hitherto as steady-going fellows. In fact Mr. Edgar is above the average in intelligence. Being cousins also, making things worse, though a long-standing grievance appears to have been at the bottom of it. Mr. Dobbin was after berries, when he was met by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar, the former cautioning him not to trespass upon his land in search of them. We are told, when Mr. Dobbin, not heeding the caution, hustled him aside, saying at the same time that he could get berries where he liked; whereupon Mr. Edgar, feeling aggrieved, let his temper get the best of him and attacked his adversary with a knife, cutting him severely in the abdomen and neck before Mrs. Edgar could separate them. The doctor was immediately sent for, in whose hands, we are happy to hear, Mr. Dobbin is recovering, while Mr. Edgar was shortly after arrested and taken to the Portage jail. No doubt there were faults on both sides, but the Anglo-Saxon race are not often guilty of using the knife. We are sorry for them both.

ROSERIDGE

Almost all the harvest is cut. The display of stooks on the plains and ridges is wonderful, though the sheaves on the latter (toward the north) had to be bound with hay, owing to the shortness of the straw.

"Jack" merely halted to bid good morn and passed to lower climes.

Our "oasis" has a magic charm about it which even our young men possess. We challenge any district to produce a youth who can transform brass buttons into "gold" rings. We boast of this curiosity. We have him and we'll hold him. YOTA.

FRI., SEPT. 11th, 1885

Mr. Bachelor threshed his grain Wednesday.

S. T. Wilson's steamer starts out on Tuesday.

Remember the special meeting of the council tomorrow night.

Mr. Doherty went east Tuesday; also Dr. Scott.

Mr. J. F. Pool started to his ditch last week. He intends rushing it.

Archdeacon Pinkham was in town this week on church business.

Rev. Jas. Robertson passed thro' Gladstone this week on his way west.

Mrs. Small and family left on Tuesday to join her husband in the States.

Mr. Broadfoot has arrived home from California.

Mr. Hugh Mustard, of Palestine Twp., sold his 3-yr.-old bull to Mr. J. Herron, of Gladstone.

Our lunatic asylum building is said to be "cracked". The very thing that's wanted, for "like draws to like."

We are very sorry to hear that Mr. Wm. Rintoul cut himself very bad with the axe Monday night.

Mr. S. McKelvy has a pig two years old which he thinks will weigh in the neighborhood of 900 lbs.

Messrs. Dean & Paynter are reducing their stock, which they intend offering to the public below cost for the next two weeks.

The train took up the show to Minnedosa on Sunday, thus making it a double show. Was it a case of the "better day, the better deed?"

We hear Mr. D. Cameron is fixing the bridge across Dead Lake between Carmichael's and Moodie's. He is just in time, as it was getting rather unsafe for teams to cross it.

There was a party at Mr. T. Cory's on Thurs. night, in honor of Miss Cory's birthday, when all the invited guests enjoyed themselves to the full. We wish her many happy returns.

Mrs. D. McLeod, of Wolseley, is paying a visit to her old home and her many friends and acquaintances. She is accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Belcher, of Regina, where her husband, Sergeant-Major Belcher, is stationed.

Mr. W. S. Bailey means to lock out "Jack Frost" from his cellar this winter, as he is making a wall of brick and stone as the outer one, on which the house rests, then he has planks laid down on the outer edge of the cellar, after which he builds a box, with a space of 4 inches between them with matched lumber, as the cellar proper.

FRI., SEPT. 25th, 1885

Mr. Rodgers, homestead inspector, was in town this week.

Mr. J. A. Best leaves tomorrow for Elkhorn, where he intends locating for the winter.

Mr. S. T. Wilson threshed Mr. Campbell's oats, which were shipped Tuesday, being the first of the season from here.

Messrs. Budge, Morton and a few more intend going down next week to see the provincial show at St. Boniface.

We are glad to see Mrs. Cameron who has been very sick, is getting better again.

Mr. Isaac Davidson has the job of lifting his 7 acres of potatoes. Back aches accordingly.

Mr. Brownlee, the oldest conductor of the M. & N. W., has left the company and gone to the States.

Miss Wilson arrived lately from Scotland. Marriage bells will be sounding soon in the Otanabee district. No more aimless gee-hawing then.

Mr. Clubb received a carload of lumber, etc., from Port Arthur last Saturday, the freight of which footed up to the responsible sum of \$116.75.

Messrs. J. Kerr and Wood have threshed the crop they had on Mr. D. McCaskill's farm on Dead Lake out of the stook.

Harvesting operations in general and potato digging in particular are great enemies of regular school attendance.

Rev. Mr. McKellar, of High Bluff, drove home from Gladstone Saturday.

Saturday night last there was a children's party at Mr. Galloway's, the cause being Miss Galloway's birthday.

NOTICE! The undersigned will let by Public Auction the job of covering the bridge at A. Nicol's, and also filling in the approach to same, on Oct. 3, at 3 p.m.

NICHOLAS McLEAN,
Coun., Ward 6.

EUREKA MILLS

After giving the Eureka Flour Mill a thorough over-hauling the undersigned are prepared for the farmers, who will find it to their advantage to give us a call.

Flour and Feed on hand at lowest prices for CASH, which will be delivered to all parts of the town.

The highest CASH price paid for Wheat, Barley and Oats.

ESSON & WILLIAMS.

((This is A. G. Williams and the mill is the new name the partners gave to the building best known as the "Broadfoot Mill," but originally built by the Hatch Bros. in 1879)).

Mr. Wesley Smith left Mon. for New Brunswick to spend a month or so.

Mr. Robert Buchart, from Minnedosa, supplies Mr. School-ey's place as station agent here.

Some of the crossings in town require some earth on them. Also the approaches to the bridge on Morris Ave. over the White Mud would be the better of a handful as well.

The famous weather we are enjoying for farming operations will soon enable all to get ploughing commenced. Messrs. McKelvy and McLeod have quite respectable pieces turned over already.

A special passed thro' Gladstone Thursday afternoon, having on board Sir Charles Tupper and the Hon. Thomas White, minister of interior, taking a bird's-eye view of the interior of this section of the country, we presume.

We are sorry to hear that our station agent, Mr. W. F. School-ey is leaving us. Just when one is becoming acquaint, it makes us feel as if we had lost a part of ourselves. We wish him and his helpmate all the success possible.

We have received a specimen sheet of the address which our secretary, Mr. Chambers, wrote for presentation to the governor-general last Sat., which is a splendid piece of penmanship. We have placed it in the office where any one wishing to examine it can do so.

We had the pleasure of being shown over Mrs. Williams' flower garden last Sat. It makes a wonderful display. One bed contains no less than 53 varieties. They make a rich grouping, though from want of space they look crowded. The governor-general took two of her bouquets with him.

Mr. J. M. Jamieson is taking down to the provincial exhibition at St. Boniface, which opens next week, peas, barley, 3 kinds of cheeses and ladies' work. This is the right thing to do. We hope to hear of several more doing likewise.

We counted on a stalk of black Russian side oats, grown on Mr. David Kerr's farm, 273 grains of all sizes.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S VISIT

Last Saturday the Governor-General arrived at Gladstone station at 11 a.m. where a committee was awaiting him prepared with the following address, which the chairman of the committee, Mr. P. St. Clair McGregor, read in his most felicitous manner:

To His Excellency, the most honorable Henry Charles Keith Petty Fitzmaurice, Marquis of Lansdowne, in the County of Somerset; Earl of Wycombe, of Chipping Wycombe, county of Bucks; Viscount Calm and Calm

stone, county of Wilts, and Lord Wycombe, Baron of Chipping Wycombe, in the county of Bucks, in the Peerage of Great Britain; Earl of Kerry and Earl of Shelbourne, Viscount Clanmaurice and Fitzmaurice, Baron of Kerry, Lixnaw and Dunkern, in the Peerage of Ireland, O.C. M.G., governor-general of Canada and vice-admiral of the same.

May it please your excellency:

On behalf of the people of the town of Gladstone and county of Westbourne, we welcome you today as the representative of our most gracious sovereign, and assure you of our unswerving loyalty to the British throne. In common with all her majesty's Canadian subjects, we rejoice in forming a part of the great British Empire, and are prepared, should occasion require, to rally to its defense, and give practical expression to the feeling which prompted the recent offer of troops to the imperial govt., and emulate the bravery of our volunteers who so promptly suppressed the late rebellion in the northwest.

We also welcome your excellency as a distinguished representative of an illustrious house, whose services to the state are historic, and trust that your stay in Canada will be enjoyable to yourself and her excellency the Marchioness of Lansdowne whose presence with you would have been welcome, and whose absence today we regret.

Your Excellency is now in the heart of the first municipally-organized county in Manitoba - a county which we believe cannot be excelled in the facilities offered for mixed farming, & whose proximity to Lake Manitoba and its adjacent waters will, we expect, yet prove of great benefit not only to this county, but to the province at large, when the necessary improvements required for navigation are completed by your Excellency's govt.

In the early days of this settlement the lack of railway communication greatly retarded its progress; but, since the construction of the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway, we have been placed within easier reach of markets, and are looking forward to the time when the early completion of the Hudson's Bay Railroad will place us in close communication with the markets of the mother country.

We would respectfully draw Your Excellency's attention to some evidences of what our county can produce, and would have been pleased, had time permitted & your Excellency's stay could have been prolonged, to show you more fully the bountiful harvest with which we have this season been blessed, and also the numerous herds of cattle to be seen in this locality.

We trust that your Excellency will have an enjoyable journey, and that the personal knowledge thereby obtained of the vastness

of our Northwestern domain, will be of great benefit to the country during your tenure of office in Canada, and suggestive of pleasant reminiscences to yourself afterwards."

To which the Governor-General made a suitable reply, after which the committee, consisting of Messrs. McGregor, Cory, Morton, Dean and Budge were presented to him by the Hon. C. P. Brown. Mr. Chambers, writer of the address, being sick, was denied the privilege. Then the others on the platform were presented to His Excellency, after which his attention was called to the array of grains and roots, which were displayed to advantage by the decorative committee. A herd of cattle out from the station, was shown him as one that we had every facility for successfully raising. His attention was afterwards called to his own name - Lansdowne - which was artistically made up by the use of flowers, grain and roots. But "time waits for no man," as the Governor-General had to speed on, but not before he got three rousing cheers and a tiger, which he gracefully acknowledged lifting his hat as the train left.

Quite a few celebrities were along with him: Lieut. Gov. Aikins, who had a chat with old Mr. Paul; Mr. Watson, M.P.; Hon. John Norquay; Hon. C. P. Brown Attorney-General Hamilton; Joe Martin, M.P.P.; Superintendent Egan, C.P.R., etc., etc. Lord Meigund accompanied His Excellency as aide-de-camp.

The decorative committee worked hard to get up something suitable to the occasion, which they accomplished, we think, in

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FRI., OCTOBER 2, 1885

Mr. D. Cameron and Mr. D. Rintoul's mule went to Portage yesterday.

Mr. W. F. Schooley, late station agent here, left for the States on Thursday.

Mr. Chris Fahrni shipped two carloads of grain this week.

The bridge below the section-house needs looking after, and that immediately we are told.

Treas. Morton went down on Monday to the Portage to audit the Central Judicial District's books.

Mr. Con Bennett left today for the east. When he returns it will be with a helpmate, we are led to believe.

a very creditable manner.

To Mr. Hatley, carpenter, sent up by Gen. Supt. Baker, belongs the chief praise, as he worked the hardest of all to make it a success. Mr. Dean also made himself handy.

POETRY

Lines written on the death of William McAdam who died July 3, 1885

A friend is removed from our midst —
From this world of sorrow and care;
He has gone with the Saviour to rest,
And the glories of heaven to share.

He has gone from all sickness and pain,
To that beautiful haven of rest,
Weep not, for he bids us all come
To that land where the weary find rest.

To us by his kindness endeared,
We fain would have wished for his stay;
But God calls his own, in submission,
And will wipe all our tears away.

The ties cruelly severed by death
In heaven re-united may be;
If you seek salvation like Willie,
For all, fully purchased, are free.

Then grieve not for one now gone
Though sorrowful and stricken you be,
Keep close to the one once crucified,
And your loved one again you'll see. — I.L.

Mrs. Ronald and Miss Gillespie, sisters of Mrs. Dean, left for their home in Michigan on Monday.

The Ladies' Aid Society, in connection with the English Church, will hold its Bazaar and Lunch tables in the old Queen's hotel on the 9th of October, the day of the Agricultural Show.

Quite a crowd went down to Wpg. Tues. to see the provincial exhibition. The rly. charged a single fare for the round trip, good for return on Monday.

Remember the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Bazaar and Lunch tables, to be held in the late John Rose's old store on the day of the Show, Fri., Oct. 9th. The bazaar opens at 10 a.m. ((This store of Mr. John Rose certainly is something new to us, wonder where it was?)).

We were told that Big Bear went to the Portage Thursday.

The Deputy Sheriff was up Wed. getting witnesses for the horse-stealing case.

Mr. B. Willisroft is building two brick chimneys on Mr. D. Kerr's house.

14c per lb. for No. 1 butter; 15c per doz. for fresh eggs; and 12c per lb. for dressed fowl, at Galloway's. (Adv't.).

Three Hudson's Bay Co. men from Medicine Hat, with a couple of rigs and upwards of a dozen ponies, passed thro' Gladstone Thursday on their way to Wpg.

Mr. Dan Ferguson has widened the ditch into Squirrel Creek which Mr. I. Davidson did some years ago, making it 16 ft. wide. We are told that his big ditch carries a stream of water 3 feet deep at the rate of 2½ miles an hour into the White Mud. We believe the work is about wound up for the season.

Sunday afternoon there was a big prairie fire down east in the marsh which burnt some stacks of hay and grain. There was also one west of the town a few miles on Monday, the smoke of which made it hard on the eyes in town on Mon. night. In fact it made the night so dark that it was almost impossible to see the road.

Mr. Thomas Paynter, of the late firm of Dean & Paynter, left for Uncle Sam's dominions by Wednesday's train. Sorry to lose him but hope success will attend his efforts. ((This Mr. Paynter was a brother of Harry, who lived near Ogilvie until his death about 1950. They, accompanied by their father came to Gladstone district in 1878. Thomas, we believe, later returned to reside in Wpg. and was there in the early 1940s, Mr. A. G. Williams at that time informed us)).

The bridge across Dead Lake at the graveyard has a hole right in the centre of the covering. It should be seen to at once, in case a broken leg happens to an animal, which would cost the county more than adding a new piece of covering. Also, the culvert bridge at A. Wilson's requires to be totally changed, as it has been on a bender so long that it's just a question of time - a short one at that - when it will be all broken up. It wouldn't cost much to put a substantial one there, as it is only in the neighborhood of 30 feet long. It is necessary to build it this fall, as it will be impossible to go thro' the slough in spring time. Another & greater call for it is that it is on the road to the graveyard. It's a pity to see such fine land opposite D. Kerr's farm lying idle. The road into town from there might be made a little smoother if the low roots were grubbed out. How would it work to get some of those incorrigible bad tax-payers to work out these roots, seeing they are neither able nor perhaps willing to pay over "the root of all evil," viz., money.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose and Mr. Creery took a trip Winnipegwards this week to see the Winnipeg exhibition.

Mr. Purves, secretary of the Farmers' Union, accompanied by Mr. Oliver, of Ont., will be in Gladstone on the 9th of Oct. They desire to meet as many of the farmers as possible for the purpose of making arrangements for finding the best market for their surplus wheat. Every farmer would do well to come to Gladstone that day. Come one, come all, and bring samples of your grain.

The danger of allowing bulls to run at large was experienced by two of our Blake settlers in an unprofitable way this week, by one of them having to be killed. The one at large jumped into the place where the other one was and of course a fight ensued, when by some means or other Mr. West's bull got his leg into a badger hole and got it broken, which caused it to be shot. We are sorry for both parties, especially for Mr. Duncan, whose bull was the cause of the damage, and who would, we believe, rather hurt himself than his neighbor. We are glad to see they are amicably trying to settle the matter. It's a big loss to Reeve West. We are told that farmers allow their bulls to run at large now. This is against the law, which says in the consolidated statutes that no bull over 3 months old is allowed to run at large between the first day of March and the first day of December under a penalty not exceeding \$10. If that has no terror for them, surely by appealing to their selfishness should move them to protect their young heifers from being spoiled by bulls running at large. Again, every farmer should feel it to be his duty to uphold the law and see that it is carried out by his neighbor as well as himself. Too much laziness is the cause of too much court trouble.

FRI., OCTOBER 9th, 1885

The Show falling on publication day compels us to keep the account of it over till next week.

We see the plant and business of the Selkirk Herald is for sale, the proprietor, Mr. A. R. Groth, giving up business there.

We see it recommended now to sow two different kinds of grain and so get a better variety, a species of grafting, in fact. Reid Fyfe is doomed. What will be the next move of our millers? When once they acquire 7 — of some other kind of fancy grain, with a fancy price and consequently profit to themselves we will not be long kept ignorant of its wonderfully productive milling properties, though poor price to the grower.

Messrs. Cameron and Doherty are going north on a fishing expedition.

Big prairie fires north and south of the town yesterday.

Messrs. Stewart and ———, govt. engineers, were inspecting this week Poole's and Smith's ditches.

The country is going too quick this fall towards the north pole — not N.P., for, dear knows, we have it all the time. Thursday was a regular blizzard, kicking up dust if not din.

There was a dance last Monday at second crossing.

Mr. Edgar, Squirrel Creek, was in town this week.

We all hope to hear something good on Friday night, as the choir has been putting in a faithful time in practicing.

Neepawa will have the Weekly Register instead of the Star and Canadian, the two having agreed to combine.

Mr. Jamieson took three first prizes for his cheese at the provincial exhibition at St. Boniface last week.

Mrs. Geo. Woods has gone home on a visit for the winter to the Old Country, this week. Her husband went down to Wpg. with her.

The grist mill will not be running till Monday, as the tank at the river has been choked, which prevents the pump being able to fill the boiler with water.

The Cochrane Manufacturing Company have rented Mr. Peter Ferguson's old store and building as a warehouse for machinery and storing grain, Mr. S. T. Wilson conducting the business for them.

Mr. S. T. Wilson showed us some 'taties' which were grown by Mr. David Stewart, Totogan, from whom he got them as a present, which will average over 2½-lbs. for 20 of them weighed 52 lbs. He intends showing them.

Mr. H. Mustard has 'taties' so large that four of them weighed over 10 lbs.

The track is laid 20 miles beyond Minnedosa and the road is graded for 50 miles.

Messrs. Esson & Williams are prepared to buy wheat for CASH for shipping, the price according to grade. ((This must be the advent of Mr. A. G. Williams into the grain-buying business, a procedure which he maintained, we believe, until he and his brother, Billy (he of the sore hand) went into hardware and machinery about 1889, at which in the next 22 years they amassed great fortunes. The "Williams block" still stands as a monument to their enterprise (built in 1902) as do their respective mansions, though "A.G.'s" is long gone. Both were large and majestic in appearance, and both served the community otherwise than as dwellings. The "A.G." edifice as our hospital for some 12 yrs., & "Billy's" still in duty in late yrs., as the "Home" for the less-favored kiddies. Re-

marks re the latter wouldn't be complete without recording that it was the McKenzie home from 1912 until recent yrs., and after the late Bruce MacKenzie took over its care and management, it soon blossomed into one of the town's major scenic attractions, the well-attended, immaculately arranged flower beds, tidy lawn, & large, well-kept boulevard, enhanced by the large, white house, made it picture-perfect; & many many townspeople and visitors purposely drove "around through the park" on a summer's evening just to view its beauty. — Of course as the years went on help with the flowers came from Lorna, and with the big boulevard from son Ken)).

We had a call from Mr. W. E. Sandford, of Hamilton, Ont., who has come to examine the ditches which have been dug this summer, & also to have some shooting.

A barrel of beer arrived in town the other day. Who got it? Wilson or McCrae? No. Who was it then? We give up. Will the retailer on the sly, do so also.

We are pleased to hear thro' Mr. S. Schooley, that his brother, Mr. W. F. Schooley, formerly station agent here, has received an appointment on the St. P. M. & M. Rly. at advanced wages.

We were told that Mr. Thos. Rose got his hay burned yesterday afternoon. Also Mr. Madill had some difficulty in saving his buildings. It was the very worst day that fire could have been set out. The party who did it deserves to be heavily fined, to see if would really put a stop to it.

AUSTIN SHOW

This show, the first of the kind, was a great success.

The displays of horses & cattle were first class.

Grain, though consisting of a few samples, was good.

Vegetables, great.

Butter, excellent.

Ladies' work, fine.

Altogether it was a most creditable display.

Everything was conducted in a most friendly manner, and all apparently worked in harmony. A big crowd was there.

Mr. W. Ferriss, of Burnside; W. Elliott, Bagot station; and D. Budge, Gladstone, were the judges in grain, roots and farm produce.

We are indebted to Mr. Budge for these few notes.

TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Council met Wed. night. Present: Doherty, Madill, Paul, Andrews; and D. Budge, sec.-treas.

Councillor Andrews was called to the chair.

Minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed.

A communication was received from Richards, Brouphy & Co.

anent debentures. It was laid over.

Andrews said that the work at Chris Fahrni's should be done properly before being passed.

Recommended that the bridge across White Mud on Sask. St., and culvert east on aame, and crossings in town be repaired.

The Council then adjourned.

((It has been asked which of the two town bridges was the first, that of the "park bridge" or the one on Morris Ave. The above doesn't settle the matter but it at least confirms that a bridge was located on the "old trail" fairly early in the existence of the settlement; and it would seem likely that a crossing would have been required there first. Maybe the answer will come yet)).

We had a visit from Rev. F. Davidson this week, who has been on a visit to his folks here. His health is greatly improved, the change of location working wonders on him. His stations are situated in a fine rolling country, with lakes interspersed throughout alive with fish and good for either boating or bathing, having fine sandy bottoms. He is situated near Fergus Falls, Minnesota. He preached last Sunday evening for Rev. W. Kinley to a crowded house. His sermon was good and to the point. He left yesterday for his home.

FRI., OCTOBER 16th, 1885

Mr. C. Fahrni got his face badly scorched last week in fighting fire.

Mr. G. Cartwright took his drove of cattle down to his new place this week.

Hon. C. P. Brown was in town this week.

A special went west with Supt. Baker and some Americans on Tuesday.

Bailiff's sale of a wire binder next Wednesday.

Where did all the money come from last Friday is the question? There must be some stockings around.

At the sale of lands last Friday the town realized nearly \$600 while the county netted \$1,777.

There was a dance in the hall on Friday night. They had a good time, breaking up about 4 o'clock in the morning.

Four men left yesterday to make a fresh start on Smith's ditch at Grassy River. We understand they intend working at it till frost makes them quit.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We want 2,000 bushels of Potatoes at once, for which we will pay 30c per bushel. We will also pay 13c per lb. for No. 1 butter, and 16c for fresh eggs.

R. GALLOWAY & BRO.

Mr. Milnie has been pretty sick. He was brought down to Mr. D. Ferguson's, here, to be near the doctor. He is getting better we are happy to hear and expects to be around in a week or two.

Rev. D. Stalker left Tuesday, ultimately for Auld Reekie, though he intends stopping over for a week or two at home, and other places before crossing the herring pond. Quite a crowd saw him off. We commend him to Neptune's care and hope he won't be hard with a first acquaintance. Safe journey and robust return. His sister accompanied him home.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid bazaar & lunch tables, with the social at night, enabled the ladies to give Rev. D. Stalker \$75 towards his salary. They wish to express publicly their thanks to all who aided them in any way towards such a handsome accomplishment in these hard times. They intend holding another bazaar during the Xmas holidays.

Mr. J. F. Pool finished his ditch last Friday which took him one month with 25 men. The ditch was 1970 ft. long, average depth 3 ft., 12 feet at the top & 4 ft. at the bottom. Mr. Stewart, govt. inspector, considered it well done.

The English Ladies' Aid, from their bazaar and lunch tables on Show Day realized \$68.10.

Rev. W. Murdin will preach for Mr. Stalker on the 25th at Blake at 11 a.m.; Gladstone at 3 and Woodside at 6. No Presbyterian service on the 18th.

((NOTE: Results of Show Day takes up most of paper's space this issue; at least two columns too many to record here)).

FRI., OCTOBER 23rd, 1885

((Editorial)) . . .

We are asked pretty often to jog the memories of our city fathers about the petition that was to be sent down to our local house in regard to the readjustment of railway bonus, or, as some would have it, disincorporation. Now is the time to see about it. A couple of months hence will be too late. Our county council is quite willing that something should be done. The legislature is the only place to go to see about it. The town first opened the question and should not quit till they get to the bottom of it. We are in their hands and they should not be slack in anything that pertains to our mutual good. No matter whether there is divided opinion as to the un wisdom or wisdom of the idea or no. The council offered to do so and it should be gone on with. There is no use in blinking the question. The people cannot pay their past indebtedness, nor perhaps able to pay for the present year's. There is no use going into the causes that have

produced such a state of things, but simply to say that we have been going too fast.

Uncertainty is worse than death; therefore let us use the brains we've got in trying to unravel the tangled skein. In the world's history we only read of one Gordian knot which was cut with impunity. We never believed in and also voted against, bonussing the railway, as we know that it is a retarder, instead of an aid, to settlement. But when it has been done, let us see the best way to meet and pay our obligations. The legislature is the only place to see about it, therefore let us see the petition sent down, as it will ventilate the subject and let us get to the end of our tether.

Our legislators have recklessly squandered our means in taxing us for the support of people who need to be accommodated with soft jobs to help them in putting in a good time, else why all this complicated and roundabout mode of municipal machinery we've got. It tells a sorry tale to see the amount of lands advertised for taxes in the province year by year, and yet they can gobble up the increased subsidy among themselves, without caring for the internal improvements of the country. If the country does not go to the dogs, it's not for want of care in trying to aid it in that particular line.

((Editorial)) . . .

Our school tax is adding wonderfully to our expenses. Education is a necessity for our progressive existence, he being reckoned a queer individual who would refuse to aid the young in enabling them to get an education. But what are our school lands reserved for if not to aid the settlers in paying for educating their children. The Dominion govt. will have to capitalize the lands in some way so as to afford some relief from the increasing tax also.

We see the Portage people have refused to pay the sheriff's levy of 27 mills on the dollar for past judgments against the town, except the school rate, as it would bring the rate up to about 4 mills on the dollar when the present year's indebtedness is called for. We understand that 2 mills was the utmost limit that the law allowed to be levied in any one year.

Every place is almost in the same fix as regards debt, which is the only legacy our dearly departed boom has left us.

A loan on the school lands by the Dominion, would be one way to utilize them, as they could neither be sold nor rented to advantage at the present time. If the C.P.R. was built by money of the country, why cannot the money of the country also help the present deficiency of the school lands by aiding them to do what they are meant to do.

L O C A L S

Game is said to be very plentiful.

Mr. Boyd is doing his job of grading beyond Sebastians.

Mr. Foster is doing a piece of grading for his son at McLeod's.

Dr. Scott has moved his office and drugs to Mr. Chambers' house.

Mr. Mason has moved to the manse; the Registry Office will be in the front room.

Mr. G. Cartwright's forced sale took place this week.

We hear that Mr. Con Bennett has been married in Quebec.

Mr. Oliver McCrae has threshed out his grain, which is an A1 sample.

The Cochrane Manufacturing Company is storing grain in Mr. P. Ferguson's old store.

The council should see that jams are taken out of the river, so as to prevent obstructions in the spring.

Mr. S. T. Wilson bought about a dozen pigs from J. Paterson, Florenta. His thrasher has been waiting on repairs these few days back.

Mr. Williscroft is hard at work on Mr. Creery's house. When ready we expect developments & a house-warming as well.

By a slip we were made to say that the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid got the social money as well. They did not, as it went to pay an old debt. They made Mr. Stalker's \$75 up out of their bazaar and what money they had on hand.

Mr. J. Riddell, in trying to make his grain stacks safe from fire, burnt them very unfortunately in the effort. He reckons his loss at 250 bushels.

FRI., OCTOBER 30, 1885

((Editorial)) . . .

The M. & N.W. are pushing ahead their track-laying energetically. One would have thought when the accounts of the backset which the crops had received, came to their knowledge they would have slackened up. But no, they had a goal to reach and they have strained every nerve to reach it. We thought that for a year or two past they had not much faith in the country. But we see they have been only biding their time.

((Editorial)) . . .

Riel is still a difficulty to Sir John, as the Privy Council has sustained the sentence.

Between this and the 10th of the next month there will be some lively passages of arms at Ottawa, as the French are of a nervous temperament.

The Privy Council has acted wisely in avoiding the trap into which the Dominion govt. were

nothing loath that they should fall. It shows pretty plainly that the old fog of a Britisher is not effete as yet. They could not have done otherwise than sustain the sentence. The French had a right to appeal for their erring brother, if they had had a case. But they had none. Because he was a Frenchman or a half-breed was their simple issue, on which Riel agreed with them, but no further, as he disagreed with them on the insanity plea, and would have none of it, showing by his clever speaking that he was more astute than his would-be friends. His single aim was to benefit the half-breeds by driving the Canadians out of the country and making himself King Lewis. Monarchy does not somehow root as readily as one would desire on this continent, therefore he has failed & should be made to pay for the penalty of his folly. He is too egotistical a man to be let loose this second time, as if he had thought for a moment of his first trial and failure, it might have kept him out of this second and more dangerous one. But "fashed with a weakness" as the Sir John govt. proved to be then, he foolishly allowed himself to be cozened into the notion that "weakness" had descended thro' time and people, consequently the latter would be also so enervated that there would be no difficulty in accomplishing his point the second time. Happily he found the rank and file a little different from their chief's.

Sir John has a capital chance now to throw himself clear of the French domination, for it has got to come sometime, and the sooner the quicker for the country's growth and good that this clog, born of ignorance and religious subservience, should be taken out of the wheel of Canada's progress. Let the law take its course and dare them to do their worst. We have no ill-will against the French, but they should be willing to bow to the law's decision as well as the Anglo-Saxon has to do.

L O C A L S

Mr. Milnie went home yesterday.

Mr. Jas. McCrae has put up a new stable behind Broadfoot's grist mill.

Mr. George McCrae moved down to his farm at the Dead Lake Thursday.

Rev. Mr. Garton left Tuesday for Wpg. to attend the synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land. Mr. Cory accompanied him as a lay delegate.

Who owns the buggy behind the bluff is the question? Was it disabled in a runaway? Or was it a literal runaway, till such time as the knot was tied? The girls are a—w—ful anxious to know, hoping it's the latter happy event.

We had our first snow last

Sunday afternoon, shrouding the ground for a short time in white. But Wed. night it fell in earnest giving us the unwelcome idea that it appeared to have come to stay. But we have had a grand old fall so we cannot grumble, even though the beautiful comes now.

Mr. Butchart, station agent here, goes to Newdale, Mr. Atwood taking his place.

Mr. Sutherland, inspector of Hamilton Provident & Loan Co., sold the nw quarter of 10-17-12 to Mr. Copeland for \$5 an acre yesterday.

Now the darkness of the night cometh when it becometh us to use all diligence in improving each darkened minute in aiding our neighbor to burn his woodpile.

Mr. Mawhinney, representing the Massey Manufacturing Co., Mr. Lindsay, representing J. H. Ashdown, Wpg., Mr. McKenzie, collector for Cochrane Manufacturing Co., were in town this wk.

Mr. and Mrs. Con Bennett were on the Port Arthur passenger train of last Sat. which ran into the freight at Deception Hill. It was a rather rudc kind of welcoming to his lady we think. But we wish them all happiness in their united start in life.

Mr. Peter Gallagher, of Gallagher & Sons, Wpg. contractor for the Northwest Field Forces, has bought 100 head of prime cattle here. As he doesn't feel satisfied with the care of the M. & N.W. he intends driving them to Portage.

Messrs. Smith & Hardow are doing business around here in the interests of the Manitoba Mortgage Co.; also an agent of Mr. John Elliott.

Surely dogs mistake calves for deer, as four of them were trying to worry a calf the other day. It would be a blessing if some one would get up a dog hunt and shoot a dozen or so of them, as there are too many useless curs around.

RICHMOND

((Plumas))

To The Editor,
Of The
Gladstone Age:

Dear Sir: Our interesting Sabbath School closed last Sunday for the winter months.

The sheriff made a raid on a granary last wk. The grain sold low.

A heavenly body was seen to descend to the earth with great splendour about 10 o'clock in the evening of the 21st. It seemed only a few rods away.

Mrs. Hill is quite unwell. We hope it will not prove serious.

A horse was shot, whether accidentally or wilfully, we cannot say. It was one of a band that has been running around all summer; supposed to be owned by Mr. Chris. Fahrni.

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FRI., NOV. 6th, 1885

((Editorial)) . . .

We call upon our loan companies to remember the struggling, and not add expense to expense by dealing too summarily with those who are unable to meet their obligations. It would be far better to close right down on a debtor than to worry the life out of him now and again by judgments which increase his expenses, while it leaves him more unable to pay the principal.

Our laws require a little more thought in this line. We speak in behalf of those who are unable through providential dealings. The landlords in the Old Country deal generously with their tenants when they lose or get their crops injured, and why should not we, who boast of our advancement on the Old Country style of going, also be willing to share in the loss of those who are indebted to us. We know that the cases are not similar, for, while the landlord has only his individual pocket to consult, the companies have their shareholders' interests to think of, who are not usually of a very persuadable disposition when small dividends are presented, seeing that their money is usually drawn out of them by glowing prospectuses, which say too much and bring too little, unless too often to the management.

At the time when most of our loans were acquired, money was dear or in demand for investments, therefore our rate of interest was high; but now that it is cheap or lying in the bank coffers, our rate of interest should be lowered in proportion, though we see no sign of it being done as yet. We know that our loan companies have been able to buy money very cheap in the Old Country, as they consider it better to let it out at a low rate of interest than pay for storage, as some have had to do or leave it in the bank at their own risk.

Five or six percent is all that investors should get in these dull times, even in this new country. We have no doubt that loan companies have suffered heavily through dishonest borrowers & too high valuation when the mortgages were drawn. But we have all around suffered in like manner. To those who have been able by the skin of their teeth thro' self-denial to keep paying their interest, we would specially recommend to the consideration of the companies, as fit subjects for grace, instead of

being thought good for squeezing all the more. To ruin or drive out such individuals by making them pay loans twice over deserves the greatest detestation, and will ultimately & justly recoil on the companies which are soulless in their operations. Private individuals are required to consent to forego some of their principal, far less their interest, because they see it is absolutely necessary for them to give their debtors a chance. On the same principle it would pay the lenders to lower, rebate or drop the interest for a year or so. Otherwise the property is theirs, but what are they going to do with it becomes a rather hard matter to deal with.

Looking at the whole country and the way in which it is involved, and the difficulty it has in redeeming itself on account of providential dealings, something will have to be done. Therefore plain speaking is necessary.

LOCALS

We had a call from Mr. Atwood, our station agent, last night, who came to show us the other side of the question in regard to what we published last issue from Mr. Gallagher, the cattle-buyer.

Our facetious boys around town, not satisfied with a day's work, try to exhaust or exert their muscles in placing obstructions on the sidewalks during the night. Children are easily pleased.

DEATH: At Arden, on the 31st. ult., Anna Rubina O'Neill, only surviving daughter of Robert and Mary J. McMillan, aged 15 years, 3 months and 12 days.

Mrs. Robb, from Dacotah, a sister of Mr. Broadfoot, is paying him a visit.

Messrs. Williams & Esson shipped a carload of wheat this week.

Wheat ranges from 40 to 70 here, we believe.

Mr. John Hockin is moving from town to his farm at Arden today.

Mr. and Mrs. McLeod and Mr. John Ross are back from Oregon. There is no place like Manitoba apparently.

Dr. Scott was a witness at the Portage this week in the assault case with a knife between Dobbin and Edgar.

Messrs. Dutton and Buck have, like the birds, migrated into the town, for warmer winter quarters.

Mr. S. McKelvy killed his pig this wk., which tipped the scales at 598 lbs. dressed. Who can beat that?

Rev. Hugh McKellar will preach at Blake in the morning, Gladstone at 3 p.m., and Woodside at 6 in the evening of the 8th November.

Dressed fowl, 10c per lb.; choice butter, 16c per lb.; and Fresh Eggs, 20c per dozen.—R. Gallows & Bro.

TOWN COUNCIL

The council met Wed. evening: present, Councillors Andrews, McKelvy, Doherty and Paul; & D. Budge, sec.-treas. Coun. Andrews was called to the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and sustained.

COMMUNICATION

From Hon. C. P. Brown.

ACCOUNTS

From Arnold Williams, fixing culverts, \$16.75.

John Hockin, claiming the town had a right to pay the doctor's bill of \$5, as a broken plank was the cause of the doctor being called to attend the child.

The board of works was to see what was wanted around the mill so as to prevent the water backing up in the spring.

The petition to the legislators anent readjustment of the bonus or disincorporation, was laid on the table for the mayor and clerk to sign and seal before transmitting.

A general discussion on ways and means then ensued, which ended in the clerk being instructed to write those in arrears that a rebate would be allowed them if they paid within 30 days.

Council then adjourned.

((From Westbourne Council Notes))

MOTIONS

West & Broadfoot: that the local govt. be requested to consent to the sale by this municipality of 80 feet on the north side of section line, now used also as part of the main highway, in township 14, range 10, from gully ne ¼ of 10, township 14, range 10, to east side of the Westbourne river, or as far as said section line is used by the M. & N. W. Railway Company. The conditions of such sale being that the M. & N. W. Rly. Co. convey 80 feet on the south side of the road to the municipality and pay for any improvements that may be put on the 80 feet required by the railway. Carried.

Jamieson & Broadfoot: that in the opinion of this council it would be best to keep the travelled road and the railway separate if possible, and that Coun. Smalley be hereby instructed to see the minister of public works, and, if possible, have old line abandoned and a new road surveyed further south from Westbourne to where rly. strikes the section line at Woodside. From

Woodside follow present location, but leave it so that the road allowance is at least 1½ chains wide north of railway track. West of Gladstone leave road allowance same width either on north or south, as may be best. The council would respectfully urge the govt. to settle the present difficulty at once, and so avoid as far as possible any trouble with the railway company, the company at present making the unsettled question of their right of way the excuse for refusing to pay for cattle killed. Carried.

FRI., NOV. 20th, 1885

((Note: No Paper for the 13th))

((Editorial)) . . .

So the restless spirit is stilled in death! Pity that inexorable law should have to demand such an intellectual victim as Riel to die by the hangman's rope. We are glad that the law has been upheld, but still we cannot but express our sorrow for the misguided man, and pass over his mid-deeds with silence, now that he is removed from the scene of them for ever. Peace to his ashes!

((Editorial)) . . .

We call the attention of the ratepayers to the meeting called by the mayor, next Friday, the 27th inst., at 7 p.m. in Andrews' Hall, to consider the railway bonus. We hope a large crowd will be there to give their views and hear others on the subject. We just know how we stand, but we would rather be moving. We will be apt to petrify in this cold country if we don't get a move on in some shape or other. This do-nothing policy is not a healthy state to be in at all. To let "the tow gang wi' the bucket" is not necessary in our case yet. Let us work for results, and there is no fear. To be sure we cannot of ourselves change the law, but we can be unanimous in going to the legislative and state our case, & show them that "circumstances have altered cases" with us very materially. They will give us more light on the subject, anyhow, if not a way out of our difficulty.

We know there are several ideas abroad as to the way out, but we will leave them till the meeting takes place, when we have no doubt they will be discussed fully. Be sure and come out, as we must be a unit in this matter. We need to have it fully ventilated and then appoint energetic, careful men, alive to the interest and welfare of their fellows, who will take it in hand and carry it to a successful issue.

LOCALS

Mr. Rice Howard, inspector of registry and county clerk's offices, was in town this week, we hear.

Ex-Councillor Rhind, of West-

bourne, was in town this week looking up some of his old friends.

Birth: At Gladstone, on the 15th inst., the wife of Hugh Mustard, of a son.

The Masons had a supper on Tuesday night, which they enjoyed to the full, we believe, though we did not gather the particulars.

Mr. Jas. Anderson's brother left for his old home in Ontrio, Tuesday. He had been with him in Richmond all summer.

Revs. Messrs. Halstead & Robinson, of Minnedosa & Neepawa, were in town and surroundings this week, holding the annual missionary meetings of the Methodist Church for this district.

Mrs. Robb left for her home in Dacotah Tuesday. She enjoyed her visit immensely. Mr. Dan Broadfoot accompanied her as far as Wpg., where he intends taking classes for the winter.

Mr. Gallagher, cattle buyer, will be in town till next Thursday. This will be his last trip, so farmers having any stock to dispose of had better take the present opportunity. Pigs and cattle were shipped yesterday.

Mr. George Wood tells us that his lady has arrived safe in Auld Reekie. It only took 15 days from Gladstone to there, experiencing rough weather from Mon. to Fri., when the sea washed the deck, having to go to Liverpool, thence by train to Auld Reekie.

We're gettin' gran' wather, the noo, mon, though we dinna like tac sae muckle about it. We feel like the mither sittin' beside her sleepin' laddie, keepin' as still as a mouse, in case she waukens him, for then she knows what a steer an' a din he kicks up; so we maun e'en sae, but no abune our breath, that we're awfu' glad an' thankfu' for gettin' sich gran' wather, for if Jack Frost hears us, he'll brew sich a cauld blast frae his icy quarters that he'll dingle oor taes, oor lugs, and us a' ower in fact, that we'll be glad to rin in tae the hoose and nurse the stove an' wish we were in warmer quarters.—Auld Callant.

A temperance meeting was held in the Methodist Church Wednesday evening last. Mr. E. E. Best was called to the chair. He made a few remarks on the evils of intemperance which he cut short for the benefit of other speakers. He was glad to see such a good audience.

((Moodie waxes poetic))

Sunday's hoar frost, what with its silvery sheen and the various shades which the leaden sky threw over the trees and the open contiguous glades, made us think of something we had seen before, but we could not place it till we saw it again in our local notes, when memory, as with a flash of lightning carried us back to our boyhood days when our eyes were

feasting with a boy's delight on the transformation scene in a pantomime in Edinburgh. We saw the same peculiar tint of grey, as well as the supposed dell on which the trees were overshadowing their leafy branches, as if to keep them safe from the prying, curious eyes of man, when we looked towards the river from our window last Sunday morning. Presto! what a change since first we saw the picture of art so strikingly portrayed by nature's touch.

RICHMOND

Threshing is nearly all done in this neighborhood. Grain has turned out well.

Mr. Hill has been very busy lately. No less than 35 head of cattle and 15 pigs have been driven from there lately. His receipts must be large.

Messrs. J. Folkard and L. Olmson have got home from the Rockies and look well after their summer's work. Hope they have done well.

Mr. Wm. Davis' brother-in-law, Mr. McCallum and brother, are visiting him. They are out prospecting. Hope they will stay with us.

A meeting was held in the schoolhouse in the interests of the Methodist Missions. The chair was taken by Mr. J. W. Lindsay. The deputation consisted of Revs. Messrs. Robinson, Halstead, Kinley and Murdin. It was the best ever held in Richmond. When all the subscriptions come in, the amount will be in the neighborhood of \$20.

VERITAS.

FRI., NOV. 27th, 1885

To Our Subscribers

We would wish our subscribers, who are in arrears, to think that we need a dollar now and again, and after getting such a thought into their noddles, not to let it stay there, but go at once and pay the printer.

((Editorial)) . . .

We will not take up Councillor Smalley's letter verbatim, as we might find occasion to join issue with him, but will heartily endorse what he has said about unanimity, as it is only through that that this incubus to our material growth can be removed. We know the county council is truly aware that something must be done. The doing of it we hope to see commenced tonight. The legislature will aid us, we have no doubt, if presented to them in a clear and convincing manner. We would like to hear opinions from the town or county, outside of the councils, as this is the time to ventilate the subject thoroughly before parliament meets. We are aware that the county feels sore, and justly, over the failure of the town to pay its share of

the bonus. There are quite a few of the town's people equally interested, as they have a big stake in the county also. "Union is strength" and we will have to sink all our differences and come and agree on something which the legislature cannot ignore, as it will be the voice of the people, through and for the rule. Let us be "a band of brothers," not "abandoned brothers."

LOCALS

Rev. W. Kinley intends starting a singing class for adults.

Gen-Supt. Baker passed west by last Friday's train on a general inspection, returning next day.

The M. & N.W. Rly. Co. has reduced their rate from 50c to 35c for small parcels.

Mr. N. McLean has built a new house which he says is much better than his first one.

We would like to see some grain-buyers come up our way, as we have grain ready waiting shipment.

Rev. A. Bell, of Portage, will preach at McGregor (*Mekwinn*) in the morning. Gladstone in the afternoon, & Golden Stream at night.

Mr. J. McAlpine went to the funeral of his cousin, Mr. Marshall, of Portage, this week. The late gentleman was a distinguished Orangeman.

Church of England: Next Mon. being St. Andrews' day there will be a missionary service held in the town hall at 8 p.m. Collection in aid of the society for the propagation of the gospel.

Mr. Gallagher shipped a carload of cattle from here this wk. He has bought a prime carload in the surroundings for the X-mas market in Wpg. He intends shipping them on the 10th of next month. He says they can't be beat.

We are a happy people evidently. Instead of "wars and rumors of wars" it is "marriages and rumors of marriages" as we heard a couple around town were to be married this week, another couple (partly round town) next week, while still another couple somewhere in the country, in a week or so after. Surely it must be the weather, or perhaps it is, like any other disease, catching.

We have to hand the second number of the Qu'Appelle Progress, published by Mr. James Weidman. It reflects credit on the proprietor, both on account of its get-up, and the courage of its pronouncements.

We would draw the attention of our readers to the advt. of the Nor-West Farmer in another column. The Nor-West Farmer has on foot a premium scheme in which everybody should participate. No farmer can afford to be without the Nor-West Farmer.

Mr. A. McDonald, of Big

Plain, has lost his only child in rather a strange way. Last Monday morning while Mrs. McDonald was out milking, her little girl, who was asleep at the time, was nowhere to be found when she came in again. The little girl, who was 3½ years old, had awoke in the interval and commenced playing with some rice on the table, took off her stocking, and broke three panes of glass, 8 x 10, with her little stool, it is thought, and gone out that way, as she could not open the door on account of it being too stiff, having settled. This is just a surmise, allowing that the child could do so. The mother immediately hunted all round, and when she could not find her, started off to her next neighbour's where her husband was threshing, when they stopped the mill and hunted on horseback all over. It is said that they found tracks of an Indian pony in a ravine near the house. The mother heard the little one cry when she was about half done with her milking and accordingly hurried up. It must have been stolen, and for what reason is very strange to say. The child was found dead by an Indian 2½ miles from home.

The boys were indulging in some ill-timed chaffing this week, which caused some tall and little sparring to take place, with happily very little damage to either party. An eye-witness informs us that he believes that things would not have gone that length if third parties had not come for the purpose of encouraging the little one to beat the big one. As it was, he says, when the little one found that sparring was of no use, he started with his feet; when the big one cautioned him not to do so, but without causing him to quit, whereupon the big one let drive with his foot also, which, if it had struck his adversary, would have laid him out. This ended the fight, as one of the little one's friends, with more zeal than discretion, struck the big one, which caused the big one to fly into Galloway's store, when some of the onlookers kept the assailant back from doing further damage. It is said that the party who caused the row, then started off to see the J.P. and pay a small fine voluntarily to prevent justice taking the proper course. We wonder where are our town officials now? We have not heard of any of them being taken up and bound over to keep the peace. Is our town to be made the scene of brawls whenever any company or individual chooses to do so, without making them pay for their folly? We say it is a deep disgrace on our town officials not taking action and fining them all heavily for such conduct.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

This Society met Sat. afternoon, Mr. Budge, president, in the chair.

Some accounts were examined and passed.

The clerk's salary was fixed at \$25.00.

It was shown that if receipts all come to hand as expected, the Society will show a credit of \$32.

The annual meeting of the Society will be held in the same place on Mon., Dec. 21, at 1 p.m.

TEMPERANCE

The committee appointed at the temperance meeting of Nov. 18, met in the Methodist Church on Wednesday evening, Nov. 25th, to arrange for next meeting, also date thereof.

Rev. Mr. Garton was chosen to act as chairman, and Mr. Peter Broadfoot as secretary for the evening.

Rev. Mr. Kinley was asked by the chairman to open the meeting with a prayer.

The following was the business transacted:

Moved by D. Rintoul and seconded by S. McKelvy that next meeting be held the evening of Wed., Dec. 2nd.

Moved by E. E. Best and seconded by D. Rintoul, that speeches be given by Revs. Kinley and Garton on the temperance question. Meeting will be open to free discussion on the temperance question.

Mr. Best: a reading.

Moved by D. Rintoul and seconded by S. McKelvy, that the next meeting be held in the Methodist church.

Moved by D. Rintoul and seconded by W. M. Broadfoot that Rev. W. Kinley be deputed to arrange for the musical part of the programme.

Moved by E. E. Best and seconded by S. McKelvy, that Mr. D. Rintoul act as chairmen at the next meeting.

Moved by D. Rintoul and seconded by Rev. Kinley, that Peter Broadfoot be deputed to see Mr. Andrews with reference to the use of his hall for society meetings during the winter.

At the close of next Wednesday's meeting all interested in the revival of the Literary Society are requested to remain.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

RAILWAY BONUS

To The Sditor,
Of The
Gladstone Age.

Dear Sir: In your last week's issue you call attention to the meeting of the Gladstone rate-payers—called "to discuss the adjustment of the railway bonus." This rather surprises me, as the Town of Gladstone has not paid a cent towards the bonus for the last two years. In fact, it has been a great help to them to strike a higher rate than they otherwise could have done. If the town had paid in proportion to the amount of taxes collected, I would not have said a word, but they have applied the money to other purposes. Instead of wasting time talking about re-adjust-

ment, let the two municipalities join hands and press on the local govt. our claims to compensation in some way or other, as our bonus had to be large to induce the company to build the road, the govt. at that time not being in a position to assist local roads, we and the town of Portage la Prairie had to bear the whole burden of starting the N.W. Rly.

Now that the govt. has undertaken to assist local roads, they ought in justice to lighten our

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((Editorial)) . . .

Wednesday night there was a lively temperance discussion in the Methodist Church, when the utmost good humor prevailed. We are unfortunately unable to give any report of it, as the town council was sitting the same night, where our first duty was. Also, & not being "amphibious," as the learned Scot said, we couldn't be in both places at the same time. Or, to talk shop, being only "the printer's devil," instead of "the real devil," for which let us be truly thankful, we are unable to be here, there and everywhere at the same time.

But we hope, as the discussion is to be renewed in a fortnight hence, to give an account of it.

The question for discussion is, whether is moral suasion or prohibition able to accomplish the most good. If it is as well attended and as well argued as the former one, we have no doubt that it will result in good to us all individually and collectively. Give the subject a good shaking and if, like facts, it will stand the shaking, drink deep of it, as it will make better men and women of us all for the doing of it.

((Editorial)) . . .

The public meeting last Friday night showed us we're more unanimous in trying to get rid of our railway bonus than we were in getting it. "The proof o' the puddin' is the preen o't," showing us that contact takes away enchantment for the rose-colored distant view. We were glad to see the unanimity with which all the speakers echoed each others' ideas of the crushing effect which this incubus of a bonus has upon our energies and material growth. "Union is strength" and we need to be strong so as to be able to bear down all opposition to our just demands. It is well known that the town is utterly unable to pay a cent of the bonus, and how soon the county

burden. Some have talked about repudiating the debt. The course, even if open to us, would not be honest, but it is one we cannot take, even if we wished, as the county is perfectly solvent, and a rate struck by the sheriff would have to be paid. To obtain anything from the govt. we must be unanimous and not ask anything but what is fair and reasonable.

Yours truly,

A. E. SMALLEY.

Westbourne, Nov. 23, 1885.

will follow suit is just a question of time, if our legislators don't help us out of our present difficulty, till better days dawn. We are asking no more than we are entitled to. Knowing that our county then had every appearance of being benefitted by a railway, the bonus was given, little thinking that we could not have adopted a better plan to cripple ourselves. We, in this section, have had to struggle against reverses, more or less, since ever we came into it.

Now, we think, and not readily, that as we were one of the means in starting this railway, when the govt. was unable to do so, we have a stronger claim upon their sympathy and aid, when they see that we have taken too much upon our backs in trying to be the pioneers in railway enterprises. And also, when the govt. feels itself in a position to aid local railways by granting them provincial debentures, are we not entitled to be aided in the same way? We will have to bear our share of those provincial debentures, as well as our own, which will not be at all fair. It's a cry from one end of the county to the other that taxes are all we are working for, therefore it is of no use trying to struggle on in that shape. We hope to see a change soon.

((Quite an editor for the town to have in this its most troublesome time. Who else could, or would, speak out so strongly and eloquently in this painful era of its young history?)).

LOCALS

Try 1 sack of our new patent process flour. — Williams & Escon.

Our member was in town Friday last.

Wed. was a busy day in town, as lots of teams were in.

We see Mr. Gallagher is still around gathering up all the animals he can lay his hands on.

Rev. James Todd, of Burnside, will preach at Blake in the a.m.,

Gladstone at 3; and Woodside at 6:30.

Our "Snab" is living in the gaol building, where he will be found any time by those desirous of healing their delapidated understandings, or boots.

Parties should be very careful about putting out poison, as one of our subscribers tells us that he has lost a very valuable dog from this cause.

Rev. Jas. Todd will lecture in the Presbyterian Church on Mon. evening, Dec. 7th. Subject: "John Knox." A collection will be taken up in aid of the Sunday School library. Lecture to commence at 8 p.m. sharp.

Berry-pickers are on the war-path again, as a party out west were out with their baskets last Wed. And yet we are near the north pole and getting such fine weather. All ye less fortunate people to the south of us, just pull up stakes and come an enjoy yourselves in the sunshine of our glorious weather.

Livingstone school will soon change teachers, as Mr. Ross' term is about up. Mr. Budge will teach during the winter months, which will enable the older children to pick up some more information. It would be a good thing if all our schools could be kept going all the year round, and also, that all the children, either in winter or summer, were compelled to attend.

Last Mon. being St. Andrew's Day, Rev. Mr. Garton (English Church) held an evening service, the collection being for the society for the propagation of the gospel. The attendance was small. Scotchmen would have gained a little more information about their patron saint if they had attended, and also helped out the cause by contributing their mites.

Mayor Claxton is buying grain.

Likely to have sleighing now, as it was snowing all day yesterday.

Messrs. J. Foster and Boyd killed and dressed 16 hogs in 7 hours. Who can beat that?

Mr. A. Wilson met with an accident Mon. while feeding the threshing machine by having the back of his hand cut by the hand cutter. The doctor attended it.

TOWN COUNCIL

Town Council met Wed.; all present but Coun. A. Paul.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and sustained.

Accounts

Wm. Burr, \$10.82; John Foster, \$9.00; & A. G. Williams, \$11.

Finance Committee

The committee after examining them, recommended the accounts be paid.

Reports

Mr. Budge, sec.-treas., reported that he had sold the lock-up to Mr. Shore for \$75.

Also that he received \$75 from

Mr. Jas. McCrae on account of liquor license.

Motions

McKelvy & Doherty: that B. Willisroft be allowed \$4 of interest on his account. Carried. This was an account of \$90 which should have been paid six months before, according to agreement.

Andrews & Fahrni: that the bridge near Waters', not being reckoned safe, the covering at either end to be taken up and notices stuck to warn travellers of its unsafe condition, who will have no difficulty in crossing on the ice till spring, when it will be repaired.

The town council agreed to meet the county council as a body on the 16th inst. to discuss the ways to be adopted to get rid of the railway bonus.

A discussion ensued about financial matters and dis-incorporation, which showed that they would have to await legislative action.

A by-law to appoint a polling place for the election of councillors for the ensuing year, was introduced and passed, after its usual readings, D. Budge being appointed returning officer. The polling takes place in Andrews' Hall on the 29th Dec., according to statute.

LITERARY SOCIETY

According to notice a meeting was held at the close of the temperance one Wed. evening, to revive it.

Moved by E. E. Best and seconded by Mr. P. St. Clair McGregor that Wed., the 9th inst., be the first meeting.

Mr. J. M. Paul was appointed to see about getting up a programme for the first night.

The subject of debate is to be, "Should capital punishment be abolished." Mr. McGregor was appointed to lead off after which there will be a general discussion.

Mr. Peter Broadfoot, who was appointed to see after the hall, not being there, nothing definite could be said about the matter, though it was thought he had secured favorable terms.

The meetings are to commence at 7 p.m. and close at 9, so we would like to impress upon members to try and keep time, as it isn't fashionable to be behind in these progressive days. We would start at the hour.

(It should be noted that the Moodie Bros.' efforts to publish a good community newspaper has been rewarded as the year closes by the return of Mr. Dean's IXL Hardware to the advertising cols. after an absence of almost two years; and the addition of Mr. S. Schooley's, a recent new-comer; the first with a quarter page, the latter w. a 5" x 1 col. advt. Only Galloway Bros. & Doherty have had seen them through since Jan. 1884)).

PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting of the ratepayers last Friday night, called by the Mayor, to discuss the railway bonus, was pretty well attended, and all seemed to take a lively interest in it.

The Mayor (Mr. Claxton) opened the meeting by stating the object of it, viz., to devise some plan whereby the deadlock between town and county in this debenture business could be got rid of. He did not sign the petition which was passed by the town council for the re-adjustment of the bonus or dis-incorporation, as he thought the public should express its opinion first, seeing that it would prevent any hard feelings between the town and county. In fact, it was necessary for both town and county to be united on this matter before anything could be done. The town's share of the bonus was too much. He was in favor of dis-incorporation, as it would save the expense of running two municipalities where one could do. It was for the electors to say what they would wish to see done. He would therefore call upon the audience to express their views.

Mr. P. H. Moodie, who was called upon, said he had no time to give the subject a thought, further than that he felt, in common with the rest, that this bonus was crushing the life out of us. He deplored the unhappy condition in which the town was placed, in being unable to pay its share of the bonus. When incorporated it willingly took this proportion of the bonus, thinking from its size—9 miles square—that it would have no difficulty in paying it. He was in favor of the town and county uniting in trying to reduce the bonus.

Coun. McKelvy said the petition from the town alone to the legislature was not needed now, as the position was changed, the county being in unison with them as to the necessity of remedying the state of affairs. At the time of the apportionment of the bonus it was found that the town's property had increased 375 percent, while the county's only 75 percent, which was out of all proportion. He was willing to dis-incorporate as it would save the \$1,000 which it had cost to run the town these two years back. A delegation from both town and country should be appointed to wait on the govt. The govt. should assist all equally, in granting provincial debentures.

Mr. Morton said that it was necessary to get rid of this bugbear of a railway bonus. He said that the town of Portage and the county of Westbourne were the means of starting the railway, which caused the bonus to be too high, as an inducement for the company to start it, seeing that the local govt. could do nothing then. But now, since the provincial govt. has issued provincial debentures for local roads, we

will have to bear our share of paying the interest on these debentures into the bargain, unless we are put on the same footing. But as we started the railway we deserve even a little better consideration at their hands. Let the govt. take up our debentures, issue provincial ones instead, and deal with our debenture holders.

Mr. A. Nicol said that the county was not going to assume the debts of the corporation as it wanted to make money too fast. The county has got too much to do already, to assume the responsibilities of the town.

Mr. I. Davidson said he had had a talk with Mr. Brown, who was in favor of the people appealing to the legislature on the debenture matter. In fact, Mr. Morton's scheme was his exactly. He would have been with them, but thought it better to leave them untrammelled to do their own work, as they must be united to do anything, and it was for the people to say what they wanted, when he would further their efforts by using his influence and services in the house to bring their cause to a successful issue. The speaker also said that Mr. Brown was in favor of dis-incorporation, as it would be cheaper.

Coun. Madill said the time for speaking was past. Let us take steps at once and act on them. We must be unanimous in this matter. He was in favor of dis-incorporation.

Mr. Budge thought it necessary to pass a motion.

Mr. Rintoul wished to pass a motion requesting the town council to meet the county, as it would be better to have a thorough understanding before deciding on what was to be done. Another matter which should be pressed on the govt. was that we are entitled to consideration on account of having started the road. Our taxes are running up so quick that the place will be depopulated soon.

Mr. Galloway said that a non-resident told him that he had paid \$28 of taxes on a quarter section in this county, being higher by a long order than the other four municipalities in which he had also to pay taxes. Taxes are too high. But let us pay our debts.

Mr. Rintoul: Can't do it. But let us send competent men to the legislature who will state our cause clearly and work conscientiously for the well-being of the county. He moved a motion which was seconded by Mr. P. Broadfoot that a committee from the town council be appointed to meet the county council which meets on the 16th of December to discuss the question of how to get rid of the railway bonus, by trying to get the govt. to assume them.

Mr. E. E. Best thought that, as the town was due in round numbers about \$40,000 ((?)),

would it not be advisable to have a meeting of the creditors and discuss with them for so much on the \$. The Portage has done so, and why not us.

Moved by Mr. T. L. Morton and seconded by Mr. H. C. Dean, that the meeting pledge itself to support both town and county councils in any endeavour they may see fit to make in urging the govt. to issue provincial debentures in the place of those issued by the county of Westbourne. Carried unanimously.

Mr. J. L. Logie said that, with the town's share of the bonus, we were only due \$35,000, being \$5,000 less than what Mr. Best made it, which was quite an item less. The legislature has a right to put us on the same footing as the rest of the province in this bonus matter. He would therefore move that a deputation of 5, two of town and three of the county, be appointed to meet with Mr. Brown and confer with him on the matter.

Mr. Budge acted as secretary to the meeting.

AN UNFINISHED POEM

To The Editor,
Of The
Gladstone Age.

There are some 'boys' in our town
And they are fond of fun;
They sold some 'rot' upon the sly
And thus the play begun.

One eve on Rotgut Avenue,
Unearthly cries arose;
& many persons gathered round,
The inn where cider flows.

& now a sight does greet the eye,
For prostrate as a sack;
Behold the sire of rum and gin,
Laid 'Lo' upon his back.

In vain for help the war-whoop rang,
No mercy could he find;
Old Rum had cleaned his pockets out,
And now chokes off his wind.

At this appears upon the scene,
A man of pious mien;
Who from his temperance principles,
Incurred the tippler's spleen.

And Mr. K— right manfully,
Did challenge ESS and TEE;
And pleaded hard that one would aet,

The other savage free.

Someone slipped in, the lamps went out,
Old Bedlam was let loose;
The temperance camp received
A volley of abuse.

To polish up the comedy,
The man of homestead fame;
Was sorely stricken with the
Muse,

And thus addressed the flame.

"Ye glimmering lamp of Gladstone,
I've dreamed of you avar;

Shine on that we may ever see,
"The schooner on the bar."

Next from tombs an echo comes,
That David's anger drew;
With insolence its tone was
fraught,
And signed its name Boru.

This roused the lion in his lair,
The king of Donkey lane;
Who rushing forth with pen in
hand,
One Patterson was slain.

For selling grog this ruined town
Has little now to show
But empty homes & heavy debts,
And hunger, want and woe.

So 'boys' be men, hold up your
heads,
Nor honest people shun;
Old Rum has ruined you & me.
Let us now banish rum.

FRI., DEC. 11th, 1885

Mrs. Galloway, accompanied by Mrs. Murdin, went to the Portage Tuesday.

Who is getting up the Xmas tree entertainment this year?

Dr. Scott has gone to Wpg. for two or three weeks.

A special went west Tuesday, returning Thursday.

Messrs. Boyce and McNeill left for Ontario Tuesday.

Mayor Claxton shipped a carload of wheat last Saturday to Kingston, Ont.

Mr. Dan McLean, from Winnipeg, is giving his friends here a visit.

Mr. Clubb has got a first-class carload of lumber from Port Arthur.

The Presbyterian bazaar will be held Xmas Eve. Particulars next week.

Mr. D. Budge has the Watson Manufacturing Co.'s notes for collection in this county.

Williams & Esson want five carloads of barley. The highest prices will be paid for a good sample.

We had a cold snap at the beginning of the week the thermometer getting down to 24 below.

Parties found hauling or cutting wood off the south half of 23, will be prosecuted. — John Moodie.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. J. A. Best, our late grain-buyer, has been badly hurt at High Bluff in jumping from a train.

Rev. Mr. Garton's bible class meets every Tues. night at 8 o'clock. Tonight there will be a meeting of the English Church members to see about getting up an entertainment during the Xmas holidays.

Hon. C. P. Brown arrived in town by Wednesday's train. He left next day for his home in Wpg., accompanied by his bride.

We wish them all health and happiness.

Mr. H. McGill, Florence, sold 6 head of cattle to Mr. P. Gallagher of Wpg., this week, for which he received \$48½ a head. He (Mr. McGill) bought 21 head consisting of 6 yearlings and 15 calves, this summer west of Salisbury for \$190 cash.

Mr. D. Cameron went to the lake Wed. with teams to bring home his fish. We are told he has caught 10,000 white fish. He also lost his boat. He says that 400,000 white fish were taken out of the lake last winter. One would be inclined to think that fish will be a scarce article in Lake Manitoba soon.

Birth: At Gladstone, on the 5th instant, the wife of Mr. D. Rintoul, of a daughter.

Married: At Gladstone, on the 10th instant, by Rev. W. Kinley, Hon. C. P. Brown, minister of public works, of Winnipeg, to Miss Jennie Davidson, of Gladstone.

LANDSOWNE

Report of examination of Ayr school for October and November. The names are placed in order as to the standing of the pupils: Third Class: Jemima Duff; Lizzie Corlett; Arthur Gray; Emma Grose; Janet Gray, Lena Riddell. — Second Class. Lizize Stewart; Anne Ferguson; Robert Ferguson; Etty Grose; Suphemia Riddell; Alex Milne.

Florence Shafer,
Dec. 8, 1885. Teacher.

LITERARY SOCIETY

The society was re-organized last Wed. night when the following were elected officers for a term of four weeks. Mr. E. E. Best, president; Mr. S. McKelvy, vice-pres.; and Mr. J. M. Paul, sec.-treas.

The retiring president (Mr. D. Rintoul) then opened the debate, "Should Capital Punishment Be Abolished?" which was ably defended and condemned by the various speakers on both sides.

The society had the pleasure of the Hon. C. P. Brown's company as well as his views on the subject.

The secretary being unavoidably absent, and only being the first night, consequently there was nothing but the debate.

A suggestion thrown out by the Hon. C. P. Brown to get up a series of lectures by outside talent was cordially entertained by the members present, for which he received a hearty vote of thanks.

As county council meets next Wed., the literary society will not be held till Friday, the 18th inst. The night will be devoted to the adjourned temperance debate, "Whether local option or prohibition is most conducive to temperance."

FRI., DEC. 18th, 1885

Married: At Gladstone, on the 12th inst., by Rev. Mr. Garton, Mr. McKinnon, of Touchwood Hills, to Miss Morrison, Gladstone.

Death: At Kingston, Ont., on the 13th inst., Mrs. Claxton, age 58, mother of Mayor Claxton, of Gladstone.

Death: At Paris, Ont., on the 20th ult., Mr. Jas. A. Chambers, aged 19 yrs., and 3 mos., brother of J. Chambers, Gladstone.

LOCALS

Lots of the beautiful now, which will make things a little more lively.

A meeting will be held in Golden Stream schoolhouse to-morrow night to see about councillor matters.

An English Church concert will be held on Friday, Jan. 8th, 1886, when instrumental & vocal music, readings, etc., will be given; also an address from Rev. J. W. Garton. Tickets, 25c.

At Mr. Beck's sale, Mr. J. M. Paul bought 400 bus. of oats for Mr. Burpee at 16c bus; Mr. G. Claxton bought about 1,000 bus. of barley at 21c, which he sold to Williams & Esson at an advance; Mr. Bailey bought 400 bus. of wheat at 16c. Mr. G. Claxton bought 1 mule at \$111. Sheriff J. J. Setter, Portage, sold it on the order of the Queen's Bench, to prevent any more costs accruing before the case is settled between the Northwest Mortgage Co. and John Elliott & Sons machine agents, Wpg. The sum realized from the sale amounted to about \$500. This does not cover the costs of the two contestants worrying their debtor to try and oust each other so as to get individual possession. In about 2 months the costs have mounted up so much that the sale won't cover them, we are told. This is law, and law is common sense. It would be a good thing to all parties concerned if our legislators would make some uncommon sense laws, as common sense appears to be a misnomer when used in law-making. ((Quite an editor, indeed. Just 100 years before his time)).

By the light o' the min oor Masons held their usual monthly meeting last Tues. night; but whether it's tae save candle light or lamp light or tae get light on the hame gaun, we dinna ken, as a' oor spierin' canna get a hand o' it; though we hae a guess that it's tae imitate the daylight, seein' that they canna get the members to come oot then, as they would be apt to draw the vulgar gaze when they were using the square and the compasses with here a little and there a little, in building up each and

tither into their wall o' degrees. We might go on guessing, but will have to refrain till we can get Sam Weller's double pair of so-many-horse power magnifying glasses so as to enable us to see through walls, darkness and dust or cobwebs, either of brain or brain.

LOCALS

A wild duck was seen flying between Ferguson's bridge and Mr. Budge's house last Monday, as if it was hunting for water. Is it a late or early bird? Or has it been so entranced with the fine weather we have had that it hardly thinks it worth while to seek southern quarters for another year at any rate. ((The Budge place would be about a half-mile west of what was called in our young days, "Findlay's" bridge - a mile south-west of town)).

Mr. Clubb has divided Mr. Wilson's bar-room into two compartments by putting a partition between them. The one will be used as a sitting or reflecting or chatting room, while the other, when you come under the arch, (not the yoke), which Mr. Clubb has so deftly constructed, will be used for a looking glass.

A tea meeting will be held in aid of the Methodist Church in Andrews' Hall, on Wed., 23, inst., at 7 p.m. when Rev. J. W. Garton will give a speech, and Rev. W. L. Rutledge, superintendent of the district, will deliver his humorous, racy and instructive lecture on "Marriage and the home." Good music will be provided. A very profitable and enjoyable time may be expected. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Tickets 25 cents.

Having neither time nor space for any remarks in this issue on the petition, we will give them next.

Prof. R. B. Hill will visit our town Mon., the 28th inst., when he will give an exhibition by his scioptican, for which he has received from Toronto, an oxycaesium light, which is the best light that can be secured for the purpose.

A team of Mr. Burpee's had a lively run on their own account the other day. Cause, a barking cur. Shoot the dog and give us peace!

Mr. H. H. Beck, inspector for Manitoba Mortgage & Investment Co. is around looking after their interests.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid will hold a bazaar & lunch table on Thursday, the 24th inst., in Mrs. Andrews' old store below the hall. Open at 10 o'clock a.m. A fine assortment of useful and ornamental work will be shown.

((Editorial)) . . .

Our cattle industry is assuming large proportions, as we have shipped 13 carloads of cattle, representing a cash value of some

\$10,000 this yr. This shows that our farmers are becoming alive to the necessity of having two strings to their bow. This county is well adapted for mixed farming, which makes it, for its size, better adapted than any other to give a good return to the men who judiciously use their judgment.

If our farmers could see their way to put their cows to none but thoroughbred bulls, instead of scrubs, it would pay them as good blood tells. Calves require to be generously treated the first year, and after that they will not need anything but hay and water during the winter, as we have splendid pasture for making good, rich beef.

We would like to see sheep more largely introduced, as they would also pay well here, and one can handily kill a sheep in harvest time when other kind of meat is scarce, as they do in Ontario.

Well bred pigs would pay also, as the butcher would as lief buy them on their feet as not, if the farmer doesn't want to be bothered killing them.

If we could grow less grain & work into stock of various kinds, we would always command cash, as buyers are willing to come where they can get a good article.

(MORE ABOUT THE BONUS)

From the Minutes of
The County Council

Mayor Claxton, on behalf of the town council, then introduced the subject of the railway bonus. He said he came before the county council to try and get joint action so as to approach the legislature on this vital question. They were aware that the town could not pay its share, and it would be only a question of time when the county would be in the same position. The taxes this yr. are heavier than they were in the time of the boom. The town does not want to go against the county. If we can get rid of these debentures, or a portion of them, the town will try to compromise with its creditors so as to pay the other indebtedness.

Coun. McKelvy: The debt in the town and country are both increasing. When the town keeps its school running and pay running expenses, it finds it has got all it can do, without being able to pay any of the bonus.

Coun. Andrews: The public meeting that was held was unanimous against the debentures. We must do something to get rid of the debt. A petition from both councils to the legislature should be started at once.

Coun. Fahrni: Our share of the bonus is too big. One-tenth would be plenty. The town's assessment should be only \$60,000 instead of \$300,000. We may as well leave as try to pay such high taxes. It's the highest rated

municipality in the province. No new settlers will come in because of that.

After some more desultory discussion the county council finally moved the following resolution:

Moved by Jamieson and Broadfoot that this council, after hearing the deputation from the town of Gladstone, re asking the local govt. to assume the large railway debt on this county, hereby appoint the reeve and Coun. A. E. Smalley to meet a committee of the town council and draft a petition to the govt., setting forth the grounds upon which, in our opinion, we consider ourselves entitled to said relief.

((This is followed by the detailed petition to the govt. which, unfortunately, cannot be reproduced here due to the print being almost indistinguishable. It does record, however, that the railway deal was entered into in 1880, a fact that is nice to have. Also, in the fore-going representations from the town council, the clearest, most concise, and to the point of the four was presented by Chris Fahrni, who not only was considered by Editor Moodie, as the settlement's most aggressive and progressive farmer, but he could present a solid argument in pretty plain English. Not bad for a Swiss immigrant of recent years. Moodie refers to him rather affectionately at times as 'Chris-Boy,' when complimenting him on his various accomplishments)).

FRI., DEC. 25th, 1885

LOCALS

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid bazaar and lunch table, which was held Wed. in Mrs. Andrews' millinery store, was quite a success, the ladies receiving \$27 as the proceeds of both. They feel grateful to those who were the means of attaining such a good sum.

Sunday, the 27th inst., the masons will meet in their rooms at 10:30 a.m., from whence they will march in procession to the church, where Rev. W. John Garton will preach a sermon to them.

Williams & Esson shipped one carload of barley this week to Buffalo. More to follow when cars can be got.

There will be no issue next week, as we want to see what a whole week's cessation from keeping our nose in the space box feels like. ((This expression must emanate from printer John)).

Mr. Burpee has a team that evidently lay themselves open to runaway whenever they get a chance. Tie 'em to an anchor, instead of a loose hitching post, next time.

Mr. Norrie arrived here last Saturday night with some more settlers on their way to the

Swedish colony near Minnedosa.

A meeting will be held in the Golden Stream schoolhouse, Sat., the 26th inst., at 6:30 p.m. when Coun. McLean will be happy to meet the electors of Ward No. 6, and give them an account of his stewardship.

We clip the following from the Bradford Witness: "Mr. J. J. Herron has been engaged as the teacher for S. S. No. 8, Tecumseh (Pennville) for 1886." A Beeton World correspondent says "In securing Mr. Herron the trustees no doubt have secured a good teacher, as he is now assistant to the head-master of Bradford Model School."

The nine months' term of the Palestine School closed yesterday with an average daily attendance since the summer holidays of within a small fraction of 20, & over the whole term of over 27. The singing class will resume after a week's cessation, at the teacher's residence on Sat., Jan. 2, at 7 p.m.; and the Sunday School on the Sabbath, Jan. 3rd, at 12 o'clock noon in the same place. It is to be hoped that the attendance at both will warrant their continuance during the entire winter.

We have to hand a pamphlet on phrenology by Professor John Wesley Crouter, our old friend, who gave us a unique lecture on the deluge last year. The pamphlet is in rhyme, with all the bumps in rhythmical and classified order. It shows power and originality. The author claims to be able to read your head by showing you your bumps in a truly scientific manner. If it would ever save our head from being "redd by a 3-legged stool, and so enlarging our bumpial knowledge in too feeling a way," we are awfully willing to let him get a head.

((Editorial)) . . .

Election matters have been very quiet, as things have gone on very smoothly this year on account of the necessity of holding the purse-string tightly. There has been nothing but debt to pay, and though taxes are higher this year than ever they were, it is only caused by our much-lauded bonus tightening its fangs on our vitals with a more claw-like grip. To save extra expense, we would ask the electors to sink their petty differences and allow the old council to go in without opposition, as we are all sure they are a saving lot. We are a unit on this bonus question, and let those who have started it, and thought over it, be allowed to follow its "intractables" till they can say they have either unwound some of its coils, or the whole of them, for then, and not till then, can we expect to awake out of our lethargic state. ((Perhaps in these closing sentences Editor Moodie is providing the answer to why he chose not to speak out forcefully at the recent public

meeting - the matter was too involved for snap judgments)).

LOCALS

County Court sat Wednesday.

A ball is to be held this evening in Andrews' Hall.

There was a dance Christmas Eve at Mr. Downey's.

Messrs. W. Cory and D. Broadfoot are home, spending their Xmas holidays from studies.

Dr. Scott and his bride arrived by Wednesday's train.

Broadfoot Bros. shipped a carload of wheat this week to Montreal.

Birth. At Portage la Prairie, on the 23d inst.; the wife of R. Galloway, Gladstone, of a daughter.

The railway is putting up a warehouse for the accommodation of grain-shippers. It will soon be ready. The building is 20 x 30, & will hold between 2 & 3,000 bus. It will both encourage the railway, and farmers, as the buyers will be able to handle the grain more lively. Farmers should get rid of their frozen grain in the cold weather, as it is not safe to keep it over till warm weather comes. The only way to know the price is to fetch a sample to the buyer. Mr. Balfe, of Wpg., has leased the warehouse from the railway company. Mr. Arnold Williams is buying for him. We believe that the railway company will enlarge the warehouse if any other buyers want storage.

RICHMOND (Plumas)

Weather cold and sleighing is poor. S. T. Wilson's steam thrasher is around finishing up.

Mr. Herron has bought a threshing machine and chopper. Go, one and all, and get your chopping done.

Richmond and Tupper have had a number of visitors from the vicinity of Gladstone, in the shape of hunters after the prairie hens. The country must be getting very poor when people have got to make a living out of the few chickens that are left.

Miss Wickware has been re-engaged to teach the Jordan school for another year, and all seem to be pleased, as she has got to be a great favorite with old and young in this settlement.

Tupper school has secured the services of Miss Dunning for the year 1886. They have got a good teacher, and one that will do her duty.

Mr. David Paul gave the young people of Richmond & surrounding townships, a dance at the house of Mr. Scott. As usual there was a large turn-out, and all seemed to enjoy themselves until the clock told them it was time to get. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. and Mrs. Paul, and all went home. Who will give the next one?



Miss Helen Broadfoot's Grade One Class of 1957-'58

(BACK ROW): Miss Helen Broadfoot, teacher; Bill Anderson; Danny Kerr; Earl Doell; Ron Gregory; Sherry Fehr; (CENTRE ROW): Christine Michalski; Linda Bartel; Sheila Pohl; Karl Jahrsdorfer; Ronald Neustaeter; (FRONT ROW): Bert Emisch; Christine Lackey; Rhonda Fehr; Diane McLenehan; Maureen McAskill; Ernest Tester. (MISSING): Patsy Spence; Valerie Smith; Murray Lloy and Frances Martin.